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GERMAN BATTLESHIP HIT AND DAMAGED BY AERIAL TORPEDOES

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 13 (UP).—A TORPEDO ATTACK BY BEAUFORT TORPEDO PLANES ON A GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP RESULTED IN THE WARSHIP BEING HIT ONCE, AND POSSIBLY TWICE, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT. THE ATTACK WAS MADE EARLY THIS MORNING OFF EBERSUND, NORWAY, AND IT IS STATED THAT THE BATTLESHIP HIT WAS EITHER THE LUETZOW (ORIGINALLY NAMED DEUTSCHLAND) OR THE ADMIRAL SCHEER, BOTH SISTER SHIPS OF THE ONE TIME GRAF SPEE.

EIGHT DAYS IN OPEN BOAT

Robin Moor Survivor Tells Of Shocking Experience

PERNAMBUCO, June 13 (UP).—Mr Karl Nilson, second mate of the Robin Moor told the "United Press" to-day, "We took to three lifeboats—37 persons including a child—and for eight days sailed together. Later we took different routes in order to increase the chances of being saved. We rowed 19 days and nights without stopping."

SMASHING RAIDS ON RUHR

LONDON, June 13 (UP).—An announcement made by the Air Ministry states that planes of the Bomber Command swept the coal and iron production districts of the Ruhr last night. "Wave after wave went down through the clouds, bombing so low that the crews distinctly felt the concussion of their heavier bombs, and many were able to see fragments of masonry blown into the air."

Duce's Bait To Workers

Family Bonuses Increased

ROME, June 13 (UP).—It is announced that Mussolini has decreed that beginning on June 16, all married workers will be given increased "family bonuses." The workers benefiting mostly will be the industrial and white collar workers who will receive twice as much family bonus as previously.

The increases for farm hands have not yet been decided, but will be given on a basis according to local conditions. Industrial and white collar workers will also be given one month's salary as a bonus in view of the wartime living costs.

SHOT DOWN OFF BRITAIN

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—British fighters shot down two German fighters into the sea off the southeast coast this afternoon.

After the attack had been made dense clouds of white smoke arose from the vessel.

One torpedo struck amidships on the comparatively lightly armoured vessel. Some hours later the ship was sighted stationary some miles from Mandal, the southernmost point of Norway.

Later the warship, screened by five destroyers, was seen retiring towards the Skaggerak at greatly reduced speed.

After she had been torpedoed it took five hours for her to cover 50 miles.

One British plane is missing and one German flying boat was destroyed.

NASTY BLOW FOR NAZIS

Only One Battleship Now Usable

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—With to-day's crippling of a German pocket battleship by a British torpedo bomber, another unit of Hitler's battle fleet has been put out of action. Of the original three-pocket battleships with which German naval designers aimed at capital ship gunpower in cruiser tonnage, only one remains immediately usable.

Since the specifications of this class were put to the test, expert naval architects have generally agreed that the ships have proved disappointing because their light armour plating was a major handicap against heavy calibre shells and bombs. Since the destruction of the Bismarck in the Atlantic, Germany now has in addition only two big battleships in service, namely the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, each of 23,000 tons, which have been immobilised at Brest for over two months under repeated attacks by the R.A.F.

The Bismarck's sister-ship, the Tirpitz listed at 35,000 tons, has hitherto not appeared in service. The 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen is also at Brest, and has been attacked by the R.A.F.

Belief that the pocket-battleship was heading for the Atlantic to attack shipping is supported by the presence of the important escort destroyers. The Luetzow was the first of a series of three-pocket battleships. It was commenced in 1929 and completed in 1933 as the Deutschland, and was the first outstanding example of a welded battleship.

Replacing Bismarck

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—A German pocket battleship was hit by a British aerial torpedo off the Norwegian coast early to-day when, according to a belief expressed in London to-night, she was probably on her way to take the place of Hitler's ill-fated monster battleship, Bismarck, as a commerce raider in the North Atlantic. A mass of smoke billowed from the pocket battleship as a half-ton naval torpedo from a 300-miles an hour Bristol Beaufort airplane registered a direct hit amidships of the pocket battleship.

Soon afterwards another Beaufort launched its torpedo into the smoke which surrounded the target. The German vessel halted and when seen again several hours later, she was travelling at a greatly reduced speed off Mandal, the southern point of Norway.

BURMA RICE PRICES

New List Issued

An amendment to the retail prices fixed for the sale of Burma rice has been made by the Controller of Food, Mr D. L. Newbigging, under the Defence Regulations, 1940, according to an Order in the Government Gazette.

The order states:
Rice (Retail)
Grade A—\$17.00 per picul of 133½ lbs, Grade B—\$16.20, Grade C \$15.60, Grade D—\$15.00, Grade E—\$14.60, Grade F—\$14.00.
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In this order "grade" in relation to rice means the grade of rice indicated by a letter and exhibited for inspection at the Wholesale Department of the Hongkong Government Rice Monopoly, 5 Ice House Street, Hongkong, and also on the premises of the rice sub-distribution stations at—94, 98, 103, 117 and 123 Connaught Road, West, 429 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, 133 Temple Street, South, Yau-mat, 19 Argyle Street, Mongkok, 201 Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo, 500 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City, and "Grade A" to "Grade F" shall be construed accordingly.
No person shall sell any rice whatever at a price greater than \$17.00 per picul.
This order shall have effect on and from Monday, June 16, 1941.

Heavy Fighting in Progress For Possession of Sidon

Special to the "Telegraph"

BEIRUT, June 13 (UP).—A fierce struggle is now in progress between Allied and French troops for the possession of Sidon. The Allies launched an attack on the town to-day with tanks, supported by artillery, as well as a barrage from the fleet. They succeeded in gaining a foothold in the outlying houses, but the French staged a counter-attack and dislodged them.

45,000 Vichy Troops Oppose Us In Syria

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—British and Free French forces in Syria are opposed by 45,000 Vichy troops, of whom 30,000 are natives, according to an estimate given by General de Gaulle's Chief of Staff, General Petelin, in an interview in London to-day.

The Vichy forces are commanded by General Vedillac who, with other generals, was released from a German prison camp on promising not to take a further active part against Germany. Emphasising the fact that the Allied penetration in Syria is to expel the Germans and prevent further arrivals of Germans, General Petelin declared: "We are only fighting against the Germans and shall continue to fight them wherever and whenever we can until the day of final victory."

"We do not seek a big military victory in Syria. Free French soldiers in Syria have been ordered never to shoot first. Already many French soldiers in Syria have joined us, holding the Tricolour in one hand and a white flag in the other, but many have been shot from behind by native troops under General Vedillac's orders."

General Petelin was of the opinion that the arrival of the British and Free French in Syria will have tremendous repercussions among the people in France and French North Africa. "Results can already be seen in the recent speech of Admiral Darlan which disclosed that he is worried and realises that he cannot carry out TURN to Page 7, Column Three



Here is the German pocket battleship Deutschland, formerly named Luetzow, which, it is believed, was the warship attacked and hit off Norway yesterday. Two hits were made with aerial torpedoes and the battleship so badly damaged that she was last sighted limping for home at about nine knots. Her normal speed is 26 knots.

Volunteer Force Promotions

The following promotions in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps are notified:
To be Majors with effect from May 19.—Captains J. H. Bottomley, C. de S. Robertson, V. C. Branson, F. Bunje and F. Filippance.
To be Lieutenants.—2nd Lieutenants H. T. Buxton, with effect from May 13, D. McLellan, with effect from May 13, B. C. Field, with effect from May 16, J. J. Guterres, with effect from May 18.
Mr R. McKibbin has been allowed to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve, with effect from June 7.

Plenty Of Essential Food In Britain

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—Broadcasting to-night, the Food Controller, Lord Woolton declared that despite the Battle of the Atlantic Britain's food situation is sound. Stocks of food were such that the country is as well off after 21 months of war as it was after nine months in regard to all essential foods.

President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, June 13 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, who is reported to be suffering from a slightly sore throat, has cancelled all engagements, including the regular Friday Cabinet Meeting and press conference.

Vichy quotes a Beirut message admitting that Australian troops have advanced six miles along the coast to Sidon, which, it was claimed was still in French hands, but was being violently bombarded. The British forces resumed violent attacks along the whole southern front.

Warships Support

Nine British warships are supporting the Australians against concentrated fire at Rhaziyeh and Sidon where Australian tanks reached the outskirts. Attacks by Canadians north of Marjayoun are seeking to break through to the Bekka plains in order to reach the Haysik airfield. The French admit that the Canadians have captured some positions. The de Gaulle troops, it is declared, have failed to force a passage at Kiseuc and have sent a tank column nine miles to the north attempting to turn the French defence positions.

Aussies In Air

CAIRO, June 13 (Reuter).—Australian Air Force machines have been TURN to Page 7, Column Four

British Air Raid Casualties

LONDON, June 13 (UP).—The Ministry of Home Security announced that the air raid casualties during May was 5,394 killed, 5,181 sent to hospital, and 75 missing, believed to have been killed. The killed comprised 2,512 men, 1,994 women, 753 children and 135 unclassified. Injured: 2,930 men, 1,835 women and 416 children.

Overcoming Menace

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, in a speech at Leicester to-night expressed the opinion that the war was not far distant when the people of this country would be as safe in their beds at night as they are by day. "We have made night fighting expensive to the enemy over this country," he said. "Scientists, engineers, skilled craftsmen and craftswomen are building up armour for night defence."

Reds Incite Strike In Manchester Dock

MANCHESTER, June 13 (Reuter).—Firm action against what the Regional Port Director, Mr Gibson Jarvis, described as a "Communist element in imported dock labour" was threatened to-day as the majority of dockers resumed work following a one-day lockout in the big Manchester Docks.

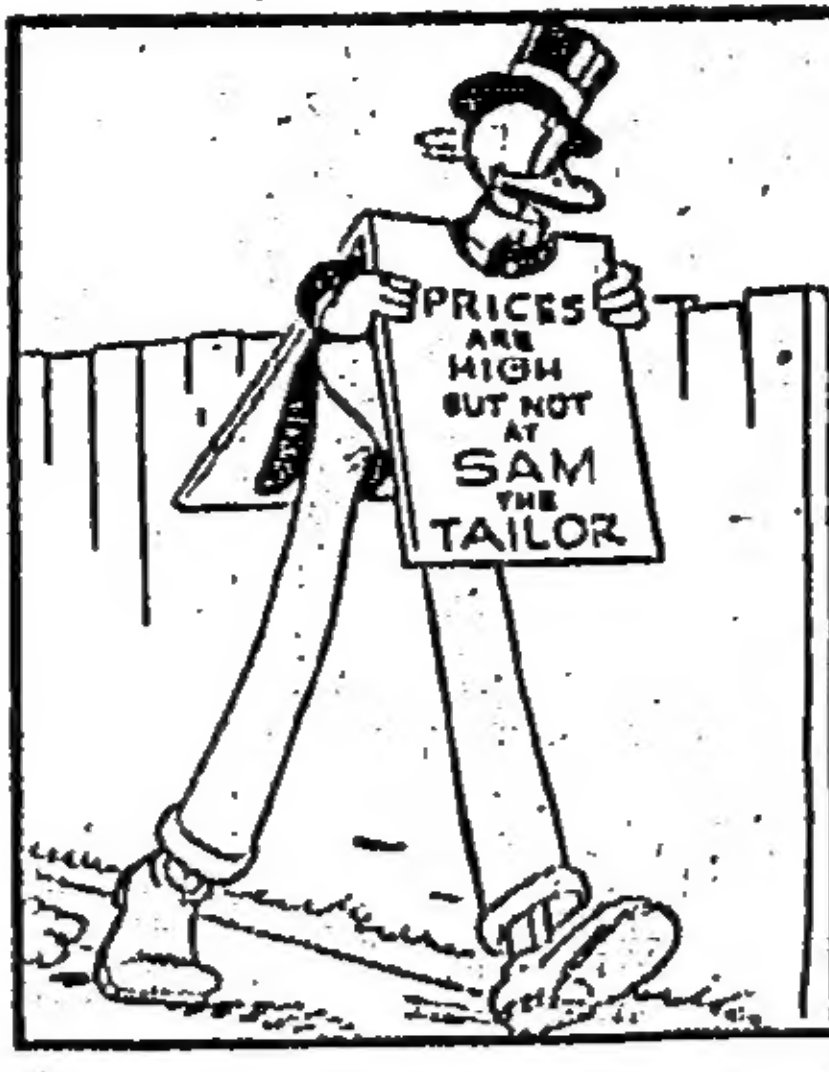
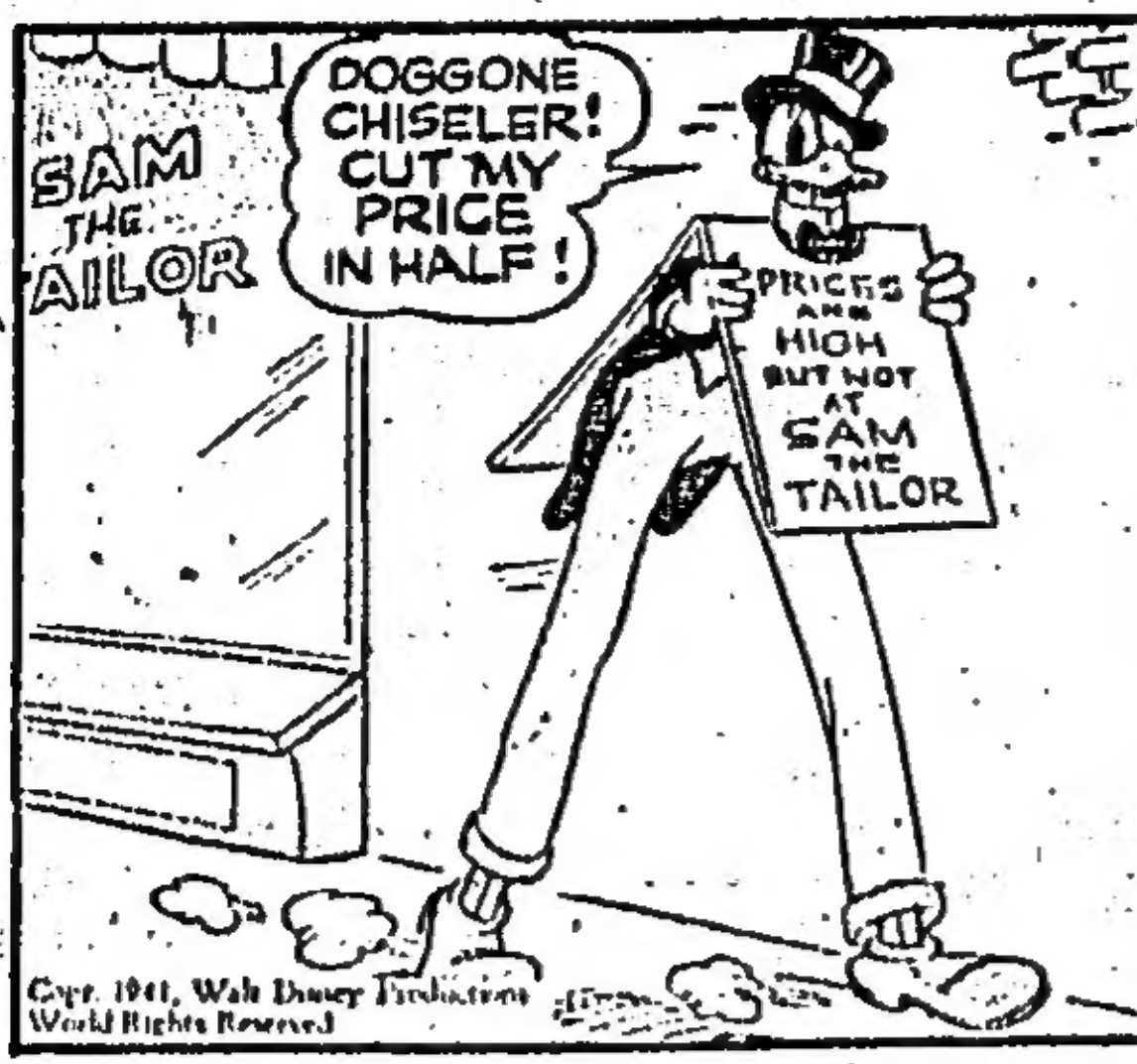
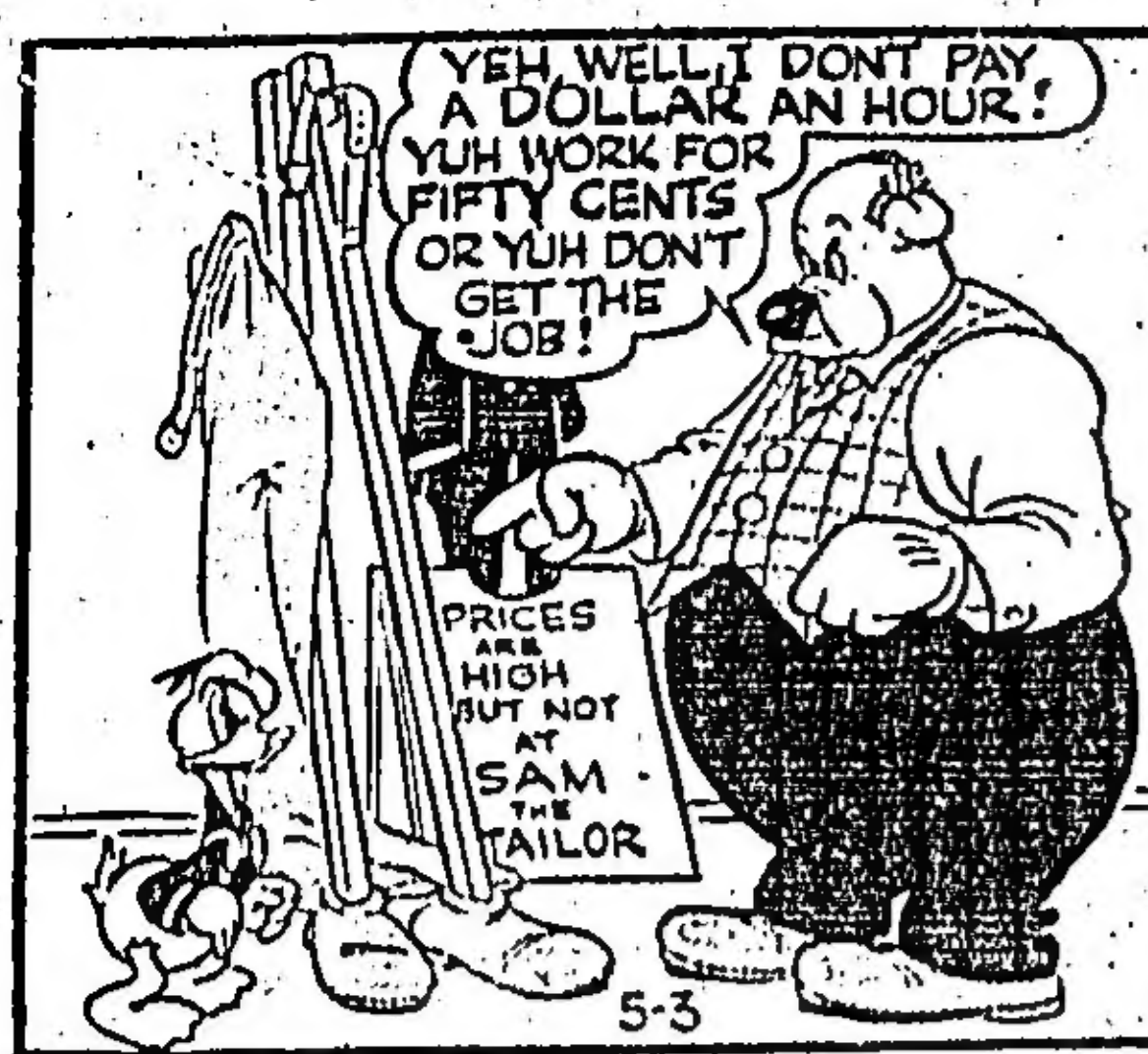
The regular workers were back to-day but several hundred members of the mobile dock squads have been suspended on refusal to work until 10 p.m. this evening. Blaming Communist elements, Mr Jarvis declared to-day: "We know some of these Communists and I have every intention to run them off the docks. It has come to light that they have been busy under the surface trying to cause discontent and seizing every excuse for causing trouble." Mr Jarvis added: "The trouble has caused no serious delay and may prove a blessing in disguise if it results, as I intend, in eliminating some men we can well afford to lose."

Soviet Protests Her Harmony With Nazis

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—"All rumours of Soviet preparations for war with Germany are devoid of foundation," states the official Soviet news agency, "Tass" in an authorised statement broadcast by the Moscow radio to-night. The statement specifically says "Firstly, Germany has not presented any demands to the U.S.S.R. and no negotiations could, therefore, have taken place. Secondly, Germany is fulfilling the terms of the Soviet-German Pact just as unflinchingly as the Soviet

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Ballet and Opera in the Blitz War Has Not Shattered BRITISH ART

By
Dudley Glass

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London has always appreciated the ballet, from the old days of the Empiro and the Alhambra, when Gance, Kyasht and Phyllis Bedells were the stars, to the dazzling reign of Pavlova and those other great ones brought by Diaghileff from Russia by way of Paris.

Leicester Square lost its Empiro and Alhambra before the present war, both having been razed to the ground by the blitz builders of modern cinemas. But ballet still had two homes—at Covent Garden, where Russian seasons inevitably followed the annual outburst of opera, and Sadler's Wells Theatre, that artistic centre for the people in London's Islington.

To-day the Covent Garden Markets are in full swing, but the Opera House is closed, and Sadler's Wells has followed suit. So one must look in other places than among the fruit and vegetables of the 'Garden,' or the brick walls and chimney-pots that surround the 'Wells,' to find the blossoming of ballet and opera in wartime.

When London's playhouses closed their doors last year, a period of theatrical inactivity followed, until a name new to the general public was advertised in the press.

It was the 'Arts Theatre,' bravely leading the way in reopening the world of the stage, and it optimistically described itself as being in Leicester Square. A search round the Square revealed nothing more than palatial cinemas, together with a variety of restaurants and milk-bars, watched over by an astonished statue of Shakespeare.

Further scrutiny discovered it close to the Leicester Square tube-station (quite a distance from the Square) in one of the tiniest byways of London, "Great Newport Street."

Ballet For A Bob

Quite a lot of people have discovered the Arts Theatre nevertheless. They queue up daily at its box-office, and no wonder, for coupled with the magic word 'Ballet' is a comforting assurance of inexpensive 'Ballet for a Bob.' Ballet, moreover, at a time when war-workers can see it—at the lunch-hour from 1 to 2 with an alternative of After-lunch Ballet, 2.15-3.15, or Tea Ballet from 3.30-4.30.

Seeing that the theatre is packed at each of its sessions, there can be no doubt that London still likes ballet however compressed it may be.

The Arts Theatre Club saw the first production of 'Young Woody,' 'The Lady with a Lamp' and 'Viceroy Sarah,' when the drama was its main offering. Now it is devoted to the ballet, and a nominal fee opens its doors to a wider public. Not many of them can be seated in such a small place—but their repeated visits make up for it.

When an official of the Club, standing by the entrance and watching the crowds trying to gain admission, remarks: "We had a thousand here yesterday!" he is not referring to incendiary bombs, but to the collective number of people, at the three performances.

If one arrives in good time, the tiny auditorium of the Arts Theatre is itself an art gallery, for its walls are surprisingly hung with pictures. When so many of London's walls are shattered, it is a miracle to look at these theatre ones covered with sketches of decor and costume associated with celebrated ballet companies. The

theme starts from the back of the theatre stalls with designs from the 'Commedia dell' Arto', and continues along the walls through various periods until it merges into the twentieth century—and the ballet being presented on the living stage.

The dancers at the Arts Theatre belong to two schools: the London Ballet and the Ballet Rambert, and between them they present a most varied repertoire.

While it does not neglect classical ballet, it holds many examples of modern choreography, particularly successful being the strange legend of 'Lady into Fox,' which has discovered a young British star in Sally Gilmour. She, like her sister ballerinas, is undeterred by alarms which may sound during the performance.

The music is momentarily interrupted in a suitable place, a position held by the dancers as someone makes a brief announcement from the stage, but not a member of the audience stirs, and the ballet continues on its graceful way.

Nothing more significant in the theatrical world has there been than this overwhelming success of wartime ballet. The Arts Theatre, adding to its other praiseworthy efforts, has even arranged an exhibition of "Ballet-making," when the general public is allowed to watch the dancers rehearsing a new work on the stage.

While the London Ballet and the Ballet Rambert are permanent fixtures the Sadler's Wells Company pays occasional visits to London, and the 'Ballet Group' dances an exquisite 'Wedgwood Suite' at the Little Theatre off the Strand.

Polish Ballet

From the Continent to Shaftesbury Avenue has come the brilliant Polish ballet, welcomed for its verve and polish, for Czeslaw Konarski and Alicia Halama its stars, and for the colourful 'Cracow Wedding' displaying gay peasant costumes in a sunlit village that is a feast for the eyes, and a symbol for the future.

In the larger theatre and music-halls now opening up again for the necessary relaxation of Londoners, the possibilities of ballet are not neglected.

The Palladium may feature the Cockney comedy of Max Miller, but there is also the Darnora Ballet to dance an artistic Parisian Can-can whose spirit is surely Offenbach. At the Coliseum they 'Strike Up the Music' but they also set the 'Ballet Bleu' whirling on the vast stage, and herald the 'Sun's Glory's' with something more terpsichorean than tap-dancing.

It would seem fitting that London's grand opera should be performed on such a scale as this, but in the absence of Covent Garden, and even of Sadler's Wells, smaller playhouses must be utilised.

One has come forward as the latest home of opera; it is called the New Theatre, being no more than thirty years old, and remembers the dramatic triumphs of Sir Charles Wyndham and Mary Moore. Now it finds itself with an orchestra in the pit, an opera company on the stage and a most appreciative audience in the auditorium every afternoon.

Some of these music lovers are used to grander opera. Others are hearing it for the first time, led by the urge for better things than the war has brought. They all of them are prepared for the type of performance to follow by a programme note written by the Director of the Sadler's Wells Opera, Tyrone Guthrie.

"Isthmus" Of Opera

It says: "This season makes no pretence to being Grand Opera. For a time Opera cannot be grand; to survive it must at present be shorn of much; the Sadler's Wells Orchestra and Chorus are reduced in numbers the repertoire is drastically curtailed and the scenery has to be arranged for conditions of war-time touring.

"Yet we hope even an Opera that is not Grand may be welcomed for a short spell in London.

"Lancashire has encouraged us to believe that the effort to keep Sadler's Wells alive is not unjustified; that upon this company of singers and players, familiar and loved at the old Wells, may be founded the national Opera of hereafter; that this company is the isthmus, small but strong, linking the continents of the past and the future."

There can be no doubt that for a mere Isthmus the Sadler's Wells Company gives a most excellent account of itself, even with a skeleton orchestra of sixteen, and a much diminished chorus of nine.

Players and singers put all they can into the music, and an admirable balance is preserved by their conductor, Laurence Collingwood, who has for long been a pillar of strength at the Wells. Headed by Joan Cross, that sympathetic soprano, the vocalists are all of high calibre, sing in English that is clearly understandable, and reveal, for the first time for many, the secrets of the most complicated opera books.

They do full justice to a carefully selected repertoire: "The Marriage of Figaro," "La Traviata," "Madame Butterfly," "Die Fledermaus," and that storehouse of traditional ballads, "The Beggar's Opera."

After its season at the New Theatre the Sadler's Wells Company will continue a tour of England, encouraged and assisted by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, before returning to its present headquarters in Burnley, Lancashire. There it will prepare a new repertoire for the furtherance of British opera, an art that struggles to exist in peace-time, but is finding new favour in present conditions and is unpretentiously coming into its own at last.

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another instalment of which appears below to-day.

This series has won a high place in the affection of readers. Its anonymous author—a journalist now enlisted—gives intimate glimpses, mixed with humour and human understanding, of life in the British Army to-day.

THE gentleman at the bar is fair and bony, not particularly young. He wears spectacles. The Lad from the Elephant and Castle dislikes his overcoat, which he maintains, needs a belt or two and a bit of a stripe to finish it off.

"Pipe down," says Siberia. "I, personally, tell you that I like that overcoat."

The wearer of the coat turns to us and says: "Will you gentlemen join me in a drink?"

"We don't mind," says the Lad.

"I'm about to become one of you, so we may as well get acquainted," says the gentleman at the bar.

"You mean you're joining our mob?" asks the Lad.

"Yes. This will be my last drink in ordinary clothes for some time to come. Landlord, same again!"

We introduce ourselves. We like the look of the newcomer. He has a studious, kindly air;

yet there is that about him which indicates that he is no man to monkey with.... he could take those glasses off, so to speak. We drink.

"What brings you here?" asks Old Silence. "Conscript?"

"No. Volunteer. I wanted to be in it. So here I am."

The Lad from the Elephant expands. He is young enough to be the newcomer's son, but he suddenly adopts the attitude of a wise and benevolent grandfather.

"Well, kid," he says. "You'll find it rough at first. But you'll get used to it. We'll show you the ropes. We know all the tricks. I been in this mob longer'n I care to remember. Anythink you want to know, come to me."

"I'll put you wise, son. I learnt by experience. I would have been glad of somebody like me to help me out when I was a rookie like you."

"You're very kind," says the newcomer.

"First of all," says the Lad, "I'm gonner give you a nick-name. I'm gonner call you The Schoolmaster."

"Why? Because you wear glasses?"

"Whatever you say."

"Now," says the Lad, standing in the attitude of a Victorian papa. "Let me give you a few hints. All yer got to do is, exactly wot you're told. Do that, and you'll get along all right. Get me, son? Argue the loss, and you'll get trod on. That's discipline. See, kid? Keep yourself clean and tidy. Remember, you're not in Civvy Street any more. You're in the Army, sonny-boy."

"Be decent in your behaviour and courteous to women. Re-member, in this 'enp we expects you to give up yer seat to an old geezer in a bus. Why? Be cause you're in the Army, and don't you forget it."

"Thank you very much. Won't you have another drink?"

"Mine's a mild."

"I'm getting this one," says Old Silence. "Really," he tells the newcomer, "there's nothing much to tell you on joining up. As an intelligent man, you simply adjust yourself, the same as anybody does."

"Of course, if any point comes up that needs explaining—and there are certain to be many such points—we'll be glad to help. There's little enough to actually learn, in matters of procedure: you just naturally pick all that up."

"As for the things they teach you—and needless to say, there's a good deal of things you have to know before you're a trained soldier—well, you'll learn those pretty much as you learned to read and write. The most important thing of all is, taking the routine day by day. You'll get used to that. If we can help you, we will. But you'll get to know all you want to know from the instructors."

"Thousands 'ave done it before; thousands 'll do it again," says the Lad, still quoting the ancient precepts of our Sergeant.

"That, really, is the kernel of the whole matter," says Old Silence.

"Thanks," says the newcomer. "It feels rather like one's first day at school."

"But now one is grown up," says Siberia, "and not so sensitive. And there are sterner lessons to learn."

"I'll put you right, son," says the Lad. "Don't you be afraid of nothink. I'll look after yer. The vast pride of eighteen and a half years of civil life and five months of the Army, shines out from his amiable eyes. "Okay, Schoolmaster."

"Infinitely obliged to you," says the Schoolmaster.

Vichy, Refugees and the Gestapo:

The writer of this article is a former Berlin newspaper man, the author of "Suicide of a Democracy". He escaped last May from a concentration camp in France and now lives in New York.

A STUDY IN TERROR

By HEINZ POL

Adolf Hitler's "List of the 200" haunts every refugee in France, where Marshal Petain's Vichy Government is now acting as bloodhound for one of the cruellest Nazi manhunters ever staged. Fear spreads as Gestapo agents cross one name after another from the list. Barred from escape by diplomatic red tape or plain lack of funds, the men who fought Nazism in Germany and her conquered satraps can only sit and wait—some of them in miserable concentration camps, some of them in hiding.

They didn't realise it fully then, but their doom was sealed when Vichy signed her "honourable peace" with Hitler last June. Buried deep in Article XIX of the German-French armistice was this stipulation: "The French Government is obliged to surrender upon demand all Germans named by the German Government in France as well as in French possessions, colonies, protectorate territories and mandates."

No one actually believed France would make good that promise to play Judas to the people to whom she had given haven in good faith while the Nazi terror was spreading over Europe. But Vichy went even further than she was bound to under the armistice. Months ago the Petain Government declared that no German or Austrian refugee would get an exit visa. In other words, the door was closed. The Gestapo could come and take the victims at its pleasure.

The dread "List of the 200" is only an elastic term given to the names of one-time anti-Nazis wanted by Hitler. It was compiled long before the blitz against France was started and was amplified by the Gestapo from files surrendered by the French police after the surrender. No one will ever know the real number involved. Names make news and many of the anti-Fascist names on Hitler's list meant nothing on this side of the Atlantic. The whole tragic story is best sum-

marised in this recent United Press dispatch from London: "Rudolph Breitsheld, former German Minister of Finance, and Rudolf Hilferding, former head of the Social Democratic Party in the Reichstag, were reported in advices reaching here to-day to have arrived in Berlin as prisoners of the Gestapo."

"Breitsheld and Hilferding, according to information received by German Socialists in London, were arrested at Arles, near Marseilles, a month ago and turned over by the French to the Germans under an extradition claim made under terms of the armistice agreement."

"Both reportedly had United States visas, but were refused exit permits by the French."

The last sentence is particularly significant and particularly sad. Not more than 70 or 80 of the original "List of the 200" are now safely out of France.

Many of those still in France cannot be located, either because they are in hiding or have turned wanderer to escape internment. Sometimes they are arrested; only to "escape" (with the help of a few humane French officials) before the Gestapo catches up with them.

Nazi thoroughness has been a help on this score. Once compiled, copies of the Gestapo list were turned over to the Paris police, the Ministry of the Interior and the Surete Nationale at Vichy.

The Nazis lost no time starting their man hunt. German commissions made up of regular Reichswehr officers, Elite Guard officers and Gestapo agents began visiting all concentration camps in the unoccupied and occupied areas a few weeks after the armistice was signed. They came armed with lists of all Austrian and German political leaders of the pre-Hitler period as well as emigre writers who had been campaigning against Nazism.

The procedure was almost always the same. The Nazi commissioners usually were lefty anti-Fascists. They were lined up as though on parade and received this little pep talk:

"Gentlemen, you need not be disturbed. We are looking only for a few very definite persons. As regards the non-Aryans, there is no chance of their being arrested or

being permitted to return to Germany. With the Aryans we shall deal separately."

Refugees were kept on pins and needles. In many cases their inquisitors politely promised them they had nothing to fear if they returned to Germany. No one knew exactly

what to expect. Although the Nazis checked the camp lists against their own, no arrests were made immediately. Apparently the Gestapo preferred to play its favourite cat and mouse game, leaving the victims in a state of excruciating uncertainty.

The strain drove some of the young members of the editorial staff, saving "prominent personalities," of the "Pariser Tageszeitung," an anti-Nazi emigre paper published at scientists, professors, physicians and writers. The thousands of unknown Nazis. The thousands of unknown Nazis. The thousands of unknown Nazis.

A good share of those refugees still in France have foreign visas. They are not so much implacable enemies of Fascism. To save them is not only a question of humanity, but of expediency. For Vichy Government still refuses to grant them exit visas.

Until a few weeks ago Spain made fighters against Hitler whose life purpose it is a practice to grant transit visas and women whose life purpose it is for Portugal provided the refugees to destroy Nazism and to help in the already had a transatlantic visa, construction of a new and better

This loophole for refugees smuggling Germany.

themselves out of France, has now been bottled up, apparently under Gestapo pressure at Madrid. The few who recently tried to cross the frontier without an exit visa were arrested by the Spanish authorities and concentrated in camps at Figueras and Miranda are now full of German and Austrian refugees.

There is another dilemma for the refugees. Many consulates grant a visa only on presentation of a French exit visa and of a transit visa through Spain and Portugal. It is a vicious circle, because the latter cannot be obtained unless one is first able to produce a transatlantic visa.

Last but not least, there's the question of money. Even if they do succeed in cutting all the red tape (Vichy recently announced that exit visas would be granted in special cases), few refugees are able to meet the enormously jacked-up travelling expenses. Most of them have nothing but the clothes on their back.

A steadily increasing number of Gestapo agents is searching the unoccupied area of France for "undesirable elements." The problem is not merely a question of "prominent personalities," of young members of the editorial staff, saving "prominent personalities," of the "Pariser Tageszeitung," an anti-Nazi emigre paper published at scientists, professors, physicians and writers. The thousands of unknown Nazis. The thousands of unknown Nazis. The thousands of unknown Nazis.

Heart Of Catholic London

By Douglas Woodruff

Fire bombs, dropped in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's Cathedral, have devastated one of the most historically interesting parts of the English Capital. Paternoster Row, Ave Maria Lane, Amen Corner, all suggest by their names that they must have played a great part in bygone centuries and these streets grouped round St. Paul's did, in fact, gain their names from the trades carried on in them.

Paternoster Row was the great centre where rosaries were made and sold, from the thirteenth century, and where the cards were made with the Paternoster or Lord's Prayer which every child learned, together with the Ave Maria, after learning to spell.

Although, as far as we can estimate, London then never had a population much above 100,000, it was a most impressive City, and St. Paul's was the largest Cathedral in the world. The old St. Paul's was destroyed in the terrible Fire of London of 1666; its successor has, fortunately, if at times narrowly, escaped the incendiary and other bombs of 1940 and 1941.

This part of London is now the centre of the publishing trades, as it has been since the first age of the printing press, and journalists know it well, for it adjoins Fleet Street where the newspapers have their home.

The street names round Fleet Street reveal that it was once covered with great Churches and religious foundations. Blackfriars, where "The Times" office is, keeps its name from the Blackfriars house and the Church, a foundation so grand that the Emperor Charles V was housed there when he visited London in 1522, and there the historic plea of King Henry VIII to divorce his Catherine of Aragon was tried before the Pope's Legate.

Parliament used to meet in Blackfriars, and here it decreed the fall of Henry's great Minister Cardinal Wolsey. In St. Paul's Cathedral a short distance away you can still see the great red marble tomb, which Wolsey had prepared for himself. But his bones do not lie in it. The tomb, with all his other possessions, was declared forfeited to the Crown, and successive Kings of England inherited it but did not know to what use to put it. But in 1603, two hundred and seventy-five years after the fall and death of Wolsey, the great English sailor Nelson died at Trafalgar and was brought back to England for a national burial. Then Wolsey's fine tomb was taken out of store and Lord Nelson's bones rest in it in the Cathedral crypt, side by side with those of Wellington.

If it had not been for the great Fire, the destruction wrought in 1666, the loss of the relics of medieval and Tudor London through the indiscriminate German bombing would have been much heavier. The older structures had more wood in them and were little fitted to stand up to heavy explosions.

The English are now discussing the rebuilding of the parts of their capital which have suffered most, and are realising that they have an unexpected opportunity to rebuild in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's in a more planned and spacious way than will show off the Cathedral and its great dome to more advantage. They recall that Paternoster Row, for instance, first came into existence as a street for the merchants of religious objects, precisely in order to clear the space immediately round the Cathedral where such merchants had in the first place installed themselves. Perhaps now the whole area will be claimed for Cathedral precincts; but we may be sure, as it is England, that the old names will not be allowed to perish and the lines of these famous streets will be preserved.

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THEODORA BENSON'S
article for women

YOU know the saying that the shoemaker should stick to his last. It means two things.

Firstly, that it's no good dashing away from your real talent, your natural trend, because you strike a sticky patch in your life. Recoup yourself with the weapons you know.

Secondly, that to some extent you get known by a label.

If people think of you as a shoemaker, they don't give serious attention to your efforts at upholstery.

You can see for yourself the bearing of all this upon the question of your particular kind of fascination. (For, of course, this isn't an article about shoemakers; it's an article about YOU!)

It's the old question of emphasising your best points and building up the personality you've got.

If you're a sleek, smart type, it's no good trying to get yourself up all fluffy because somebody's walked out on you with a fluffy girl.

For one thing, you can't do it well, and for another, he's got fluff now and doesn't need any more of it!

Work on the contrast; take trouble with yourself along your own familiar lines. This is the right course, whether you are going to be a strong girl and let him go, or whether you are going to try to get him back.

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He didn't always want her type, did he? If he gets tired of it, he won't be looking for an imitation of it, will he?

Or if you get yourself another young man, it's going to be rather a strain if he thinks you're fluffy and you aren't!

Of course, we can't stay quite cut to pattern always. We have to have our moods; we have to break out sometimes.

THE OMINOUS STATEMENT MADE RECENTLY AT AN URBAN COUNCIL MEETING—that Cholera is now endemic in the Colony has concentrated attention on this dread scourge of the East. The pestilential disease is no longer an upstart gangster living in the "bad lands" of the underworld and only raiding us periodically, but has now moved into our midst with the intention to stay!

Like modern "big shot" gangsters, Cholera is a comparatively recent recruit to gangsterdom. This scamp of the bacteria realm first broke into print, so to speak, in the year 1819 when it decided to "muscle in" on the secure racket enjoyed by other endemic diseases in the province of Bengal, in British India. Like Hitler, it could not confine its gangster activities to one country, but had to run amok, and soon it spread over a great part of Asia. But while human gangsters are invariably "bumped off" before they become too dangerous, Cholera has enjoyed a charmed life and, owing to the gross disregard of elementary sanitary conditions by the Oriental masses, seems likely to be able to prolong its foul career indefinitely.

Cholera! the gangster of the East

THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE DIS-EASE IN CHINA was in 1820, when it was introduced into Kwangtung and Fukien by returning emigrants from the Straits Settlements. During the summers of 1820 and 1821, the Middle Kingdom suffered severely, and, singularly enough, it was the rural areas of the country where the mortality was the highest.

The Chinese were naturally greatly alarmed at the sudden outbreak, and while their physicians understood the treatment of ordinary bowel complaints, they were completely baffled by this fearful visitation from India. Various explanations were advanced to account for the cause of the pestilence, and, in the absence of any knowledge concerning sanitation and the germ theory of disease, most conjectures, as might be imagined, were as ridden with superstition, as a cur dog with fleas.

The consensus was that the malady, being a visitation from the gods, could only be conquered by renewed fervour in religious worship, and during the time when the epidemic was at its height, temples were regularly visited by the kow-towing multitudes.

On the other hand, educated classes of the time held that the disease arose from "morbific cold," which disturbed the harmony of the powers of the system, and could only be restored by administering medicines increasing the "natural fire," such as cassia, cinnamon, aloes-wood, sulphur, asbestos, deer horn tips, dried gop-gai, or "spotted lizard," etc.

Another notion was the direct opposite of this, and like it was widely advocated. It held that the "accumulated heat" in the body destroyed the equilibrium subsisting among the various organs, and that the proper method of treatment consisted in the use of cooling remedies.

STRANGELY ENOUGH this school of Chinese thought anticipated modern medical science by realising that

Cholera was a form of blood poisoning, and though it was a disease of the bowels, its true seat was in the blood.

Consequently, the exponents of this belief prescribed for their patients medicines reputed to cool the blood, such as saffron, cyprus tops, elm root, cinnabar and rabbit's flesh.

These theories, or rather a combination of them, are still followed by many old-fashioned Chinese physicians. Their therapeutic methods sometimes prove successful, but it is in the treatment of fever, which occurs in a later stage, that Chinese medicine generally fails in Cholera. This is because there is such widespread ignorance regarding

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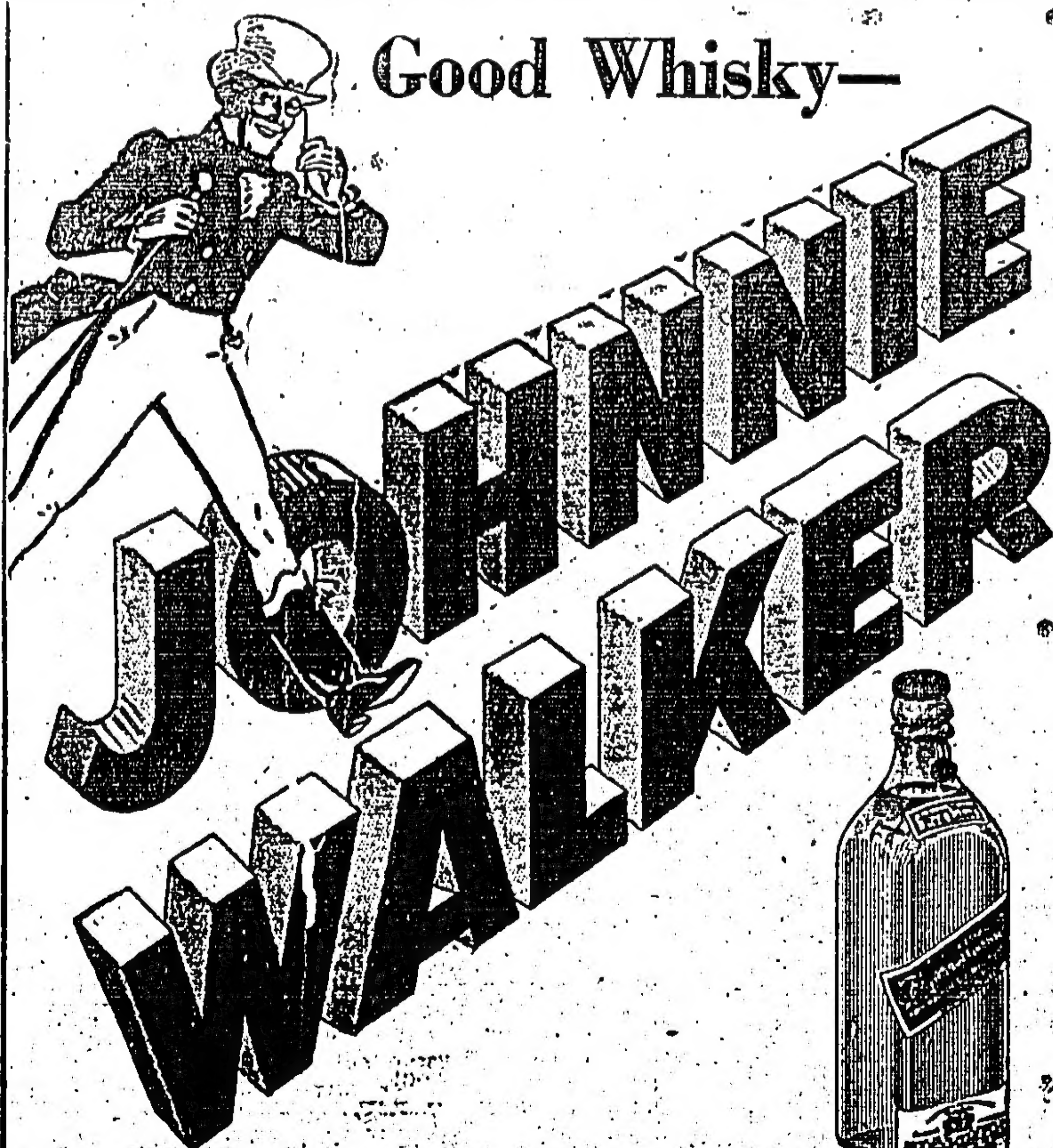
really effective methods of reducing fevers other than by the ancient mode of *gwaat-sa*, or "scraping the moistened skin with a copper coin, jade buckle or porcelain spoon."

Consequently, the mortality is abnormally large, but with the knowledge of modern methods of medical treatment, perhaps a more favourable outcome to cholera cases might be expected.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, the lack of information among the masses places them at a serious disadvantage during a Cholera outbreak. This is well illustrated by the revelation that up to date there have already been more Cholera cases in the Colony this year than during the whole of last year. As long as anti-Cholera measures are so lightly regarded and the practical application of sanitary science remains neglected by the very poor, Cholera will remain a menace. Fortunately, the Health Authorities are valiantly striving, by means of propaganda posters, free inoculations, etc., to educate the community along the lines of prevention. Now with the Government determined upon improvement, the dread gangster may at last be "liquidated," and the Colony no longer remain a focus of infection.



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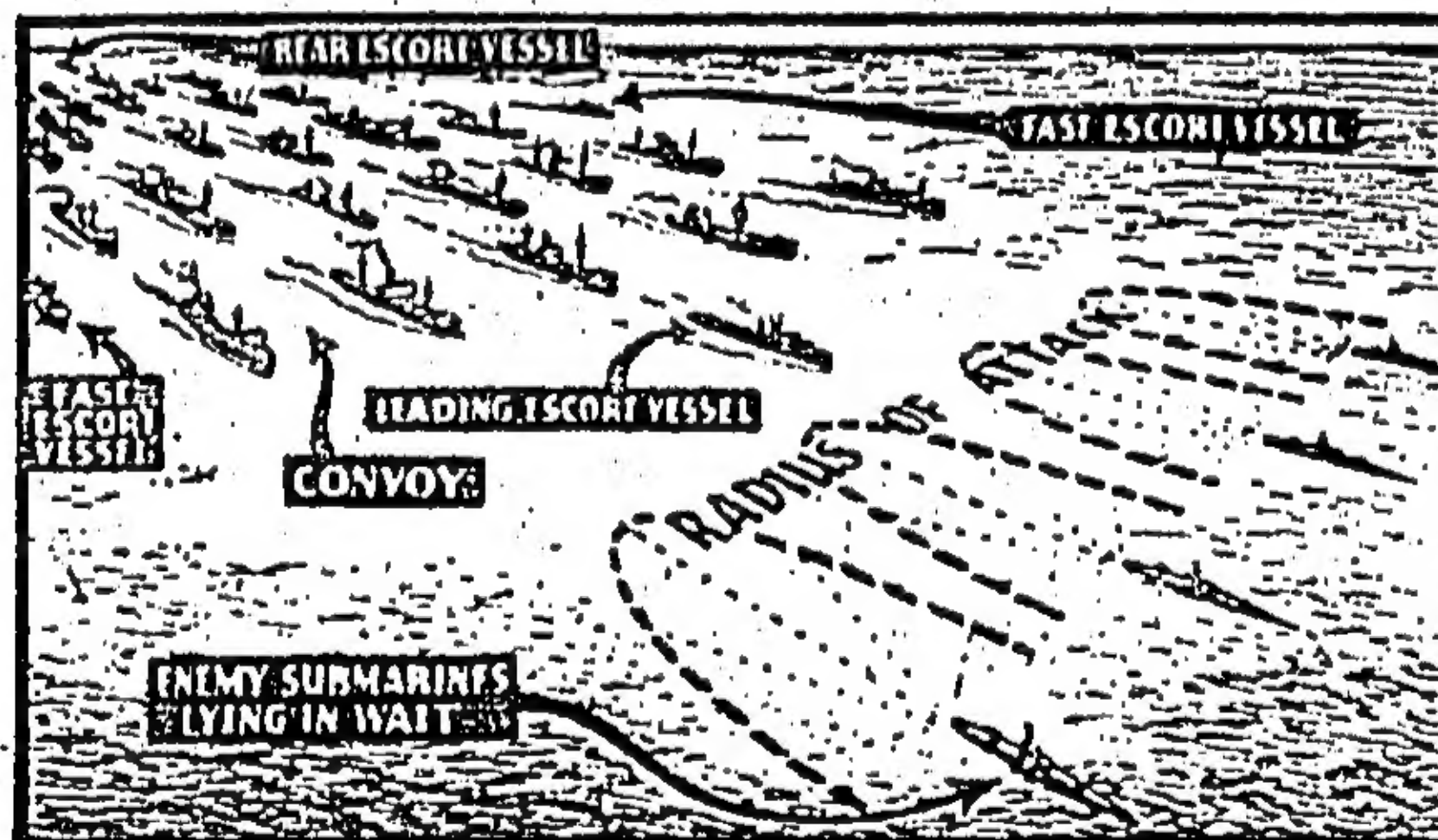


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Brewers Tackle Asheville Squad To-morrow

Sappers v. Mindanao In To-day's Double-header

All Chinese Nightcap

(By "BALL FAN")

HONGKONG'S melodramatic ball fans are desperately hoping for a repetition of last Saturday's perfect baseball weather, as the major ball loop settles down to its regular three-game card over the week-end. The gashouse mob are still gabbing profoundly about last week's grand opening fixture which just about reached to the dizzy heights of local baseball's "colossal affairs"—bringing out in its climax form, colour, drama, suspense and that well-known "razz-dishing" ballyhoo.

The triple header opens this afternoon at the Chatham Road ball park, at 2.15 p.m., with Mindanao's terrific M in a "hotcha" tilt against the fast improving Royal Engineers. The nightcap at 4.30 p.m. brings Chung Hwa Maroons in their opener of the season against the weak-willed South China nine, in an "all-Chinese" classic.

H.B.'s powerful Brewers expect to hit into winning stride to-morrow morning when they tackle Tony Grovenale's "awish swash" sailors from the U.S.S. Asheville in a single Sabbath day fracas.

WITH dazzler Ski Powlawski already burning them over in mid-season form, the terrific M are set to consolidate their spot at the top of the loop with a win over Hamelin's Sappers in this afternoon's opening game.

Doc Molthen, Hal Winglee and Choy Ping-fun have been called up to handle this one. After their sensational win in last week's "gala opener", Uncle Sam's China coast ball tossers have been riding on a crest of winning fever and eager to chalk up their second straight win.

Centrefielder Wee Willie Wilson, who smashed out three solid safeties to lead a dynamite attack in Mindanao's grand victory last Saturday, seems to be the answer to manager Ival Goodman's prayer for a clouding outfielder on this year's edition of the pennant-holding team. The whippet Wilson is headed for his best season yet on the China Coast, and is expected to be in there, continuing his early season ball-busting pace.

Backstopper Tony Muscavage's line driving four-bagger just about stole the show in the H.B. game, and the long distance cleaver will be back behind the platter again this afternoon to spark that steady infield quartet of Bob Strahl, Crooner Ruel, Joe Moore and Bowie Bowser.

The Sappers are lining up with the same starting nine that took South China into camp last week, but haven't acquired enough of that ball-playing instinct yet, to approach the class of Mindanao's terrific M.

Engineer moundsman Sars Sarsfield throws them over with a fair amount of speed and steadiness, but a slight change of pace, now and then, would give this Sapper twirler that added effectiveness which willow-weavers have a dislike for.

THIS afternoon's nightcap at 4.30 p.m. brings together those foremost of rivals, Chung Hwa's fighting Maroons and South China's red and blue men. Ski Powlawski, Welle Welford and Tony Muscavage are booked to handle this one.

Both teams have shown a clear weakness with the Louisville Slugger, a peculiar characteristic of most Chinese teams. The Maroons have a veteran quiet in grandpa Leung, Choy Ping-fun, Al Lau and Bill Chang to form the nucleus of this year's Chung Hwa men, while South China are relying on Tommy Chan, Wally Ching, Nip Lum and Hal Winglee to carry the red and blue colours suttering through with a win.

Twirler Al Lau is slated to start on the Maroon slab and will have a problem in his first official game of the season. Outfielders Choy Ping-fun and Forrest Leung are manager grandpa Leung's prize fly-shagging duo, and are banked on to produce that steady influence on an inconsistent line-up that has played meagre calibre ball in pre-season tune-up games.

The Caroline Hillmen have lost promising young Kenny. Moynihan, a pitcher, to a fight in this all-important Chinese classic. Tommy Chan's gang took a surprise loss in their initial tilt and are dead-set on breaking through into the winning column with a victory over their arch rivals.

WITH a heart-breaking game already erased as a happening of the past, H.B. Beer's gashouses will be out at the ball park en masse to-morrow morning at 10 a.m., eagerly hoping for a Brewer win as Dhun Ruttonjee's beer hopefuls tackle U.S.S. Asheville's Tennessees.



In the bleachers—Their Excellencies, Sir Geoffrey Northcote (Governor) and Major-General A. E. Grasset (G.O.C.) at the opening match of the Hongkong Baseball Season last week-end.—Ming Yuen.

V.R.C. Gala To Be Held This Evening

THE Victoria Recreation Club will hold their first Intra-Club swimming gala of the season at 9 p.m. to-night, not 6 p.m. as previously stated, and at the conclusion of the swimming a dance will be held in the Clubhouse. The gala is open to the public, entrance fee being twenty cents.

Events

THE heats were held on Wednesday, and to-night's programme with the finalists will be (Heats times in brackets):

50 yards free-style handicap, "A" Class. No heats.

50 yards free-style handicap, "B" Class.—P. Rull (31.2), L. G. Viera (28.4), A. Cruz (33.1), A. Alves (35.2), J. Fenton (28.2).

50 yards breast-stroke handicap.—G. Yvanovich (35.4), A. Alves (35.4), C. Marcel (35.4), Luiz M. Remedios (32.1), A. K. Rumljahn (32.2).

50 yards backstroke handicap.—L. Viera (40), A. Cruz (46.3), A. K. Rumljahn (31.3), E. D. da Roza (34.3), F. Noronha (39).

Women's 50 yards free-style handicap "A" Class.—No heats.

Women's 50 yards free-style handicap "B" Class.—No heats.

Women's 25 yards breast-stroke.—No heats.

Women's 25 yards free-style, Beginners.—B. Gutierrez (21.4), B. Britto (22.2), J. Silva (22.3), G. Jorge (27.4).

Boys 50 yards free-style handicap.—B. Sequira (30.4), J. Anderson, Jr. (35), C. Gutierrez (34), W. Ribeiro (34.2), T. Lopes (29.2).

Boys 50 yards backstroke.—C. Gutierrez (43.4), R. Souza (47), R. Sequira (45.3), A. Remedios (46.2), T. Lopes (32.2).

Mixed Relay.—No heats.

Members Novelty Race.—No heats.

What's Inside A Hot Dog?

Lord Halifax At A Baseball Match

CHICAGO—Lord Halifax enjoyed his first American baseball game Saturday, but balked at one of its traditional trimmings—the hot dog.

The British ambassador to the United States entered a box without fanfare during the fourth inning of the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers game, but he made his exit at the end of the seventh. Many spectators applauded and he smiled and raised his hand to the brim of his Homburg hat.

Hot Dawg

IN the midst of his visit to Comiskey Park someone handed him a hot dog. He unwrapped the paper nap-



The start of one of the races in the inter-Hong swimming gala at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday. The swimmers are R. G. Castleton (B. & S.), C. Salter (Dodwell's), and D. G. Day (H.K. Bank). R. Goldman starter. Behind are Miss T. Jex (Jardines), Miss R. Cockburn (B. & S.), L. A. Benn (Dodwell's), Miss D. Dodwell (Dodwell's) and Miss M. Booker (H.K. Bank).—Ming Yuen.

They Sought To Play Baseball—At Lords!

LONDON.—The keepers of Lords Cricket Grounds in snooty St Johns Wood reeled as if the Empire had been struck a solar plexus blow when American and Canadian newsmen asked use of the sacred sod for a baseball game.

Water-Polo

Tournament Fixtures For Next Fortnight

FIXTURES for the Water-Polo Tournament over the next fortnight, arranged by the Committee, will be as follows:

Sunday, June 15

Y.M.C.A. v. 95th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 11 a.m.; Middlesex "B" v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. ("Y" pool) 11.30 a.m.; 5th Coastal Regt. R.A. v. 95th Battery, R.A. (Navy pool).

Monday, June 16

Navy "A" v. Royal Scots "B" (Navy pool) 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

Royal Corps of Signals v. Navy "A" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.

Thursday, June 19

Navy "A" v. Navy "B" (Navy pool) 6 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. Navy "C" (Navy pool) 6.30 p.m.; Middlesex "A" v. Middlesex "B" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Combined Small Units v. 36th Battery, R.A. (Army pool) 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v. Royal Scots "B" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Royal Scots "B" v. 95th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 7.45 p.m.

Saturday, June 21

5th Coastal Regt. R.A. v. 95th Battery, R.A. (Army pool) 12 Noon.

Sunday, June 22

5th Coastal Regt. R.A. v. Navy "C" (Navy pool) 11 a.m.; 95th Battery, R.A. v. 36th Battery, R.A. (Navy pool) 11.30 a.m.; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. v. Middlesex "A" (Army pool) 11 a.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. Middlesex "B" ("Y" pool) 11.30 a.m.; Navy "B" v. Royal Scots "B" (Army pool) 11.30 a.m.; Royal Scots "B" v. Combined Small Units (Army pool) 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 24

Y.M.C.A. v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Royal Navy "B" v. Royal Corps of Signals (Army pool) 7.45 p.m.; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. v. Combined Small Units (Army pool) 8.15 p.m.; Royal Navy "A" v. Middlesex "A" ("Y" pool) 7.15 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool) 7.45 p.m.; 5th Coastal Regt. R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. ("Y" pool) 8.15 p.m.

Thursday, June 26

Y.M.C.A. v. 36th Battery, R.A. (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "A" v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v. Middlesex "A" (Army pool) 8.15 p.m.; Royal Navy "B" v. Combined Small Units ("Y" pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "C" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool) 7.45 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. 95th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 8.15 p.m.

Friday, June 27

Y.M.C.A. v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "A" v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v. Middlesex "A" (Army pool) 8.15 p.m.; Royal Navy "B" v. Combined Small Units ("Y" pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "C" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool) 7.45 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. 95th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 8.15 p.m.

Saturday, June 28

Y.M.C.A. v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "A" v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v. Middlesex "A" (Army pool) 8.15 p.m.; Royal Navy "B" v. Combined Small Units ("Y" pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "C" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool) 7.45 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. 95th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 8.15 p.m.

Sunday, June 29

Y.M.C.A. v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "A" v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool) 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v. Middlesex "A" (Army pool) 8.15 p.m.; Royal Navy "B" v. Combined Small Units ("Y" pool) 7.15 p.m.; Navy "C" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool) 7.45 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. 95th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool) 8.15 p.m.

Monday, June 30

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Tuesday, July 1

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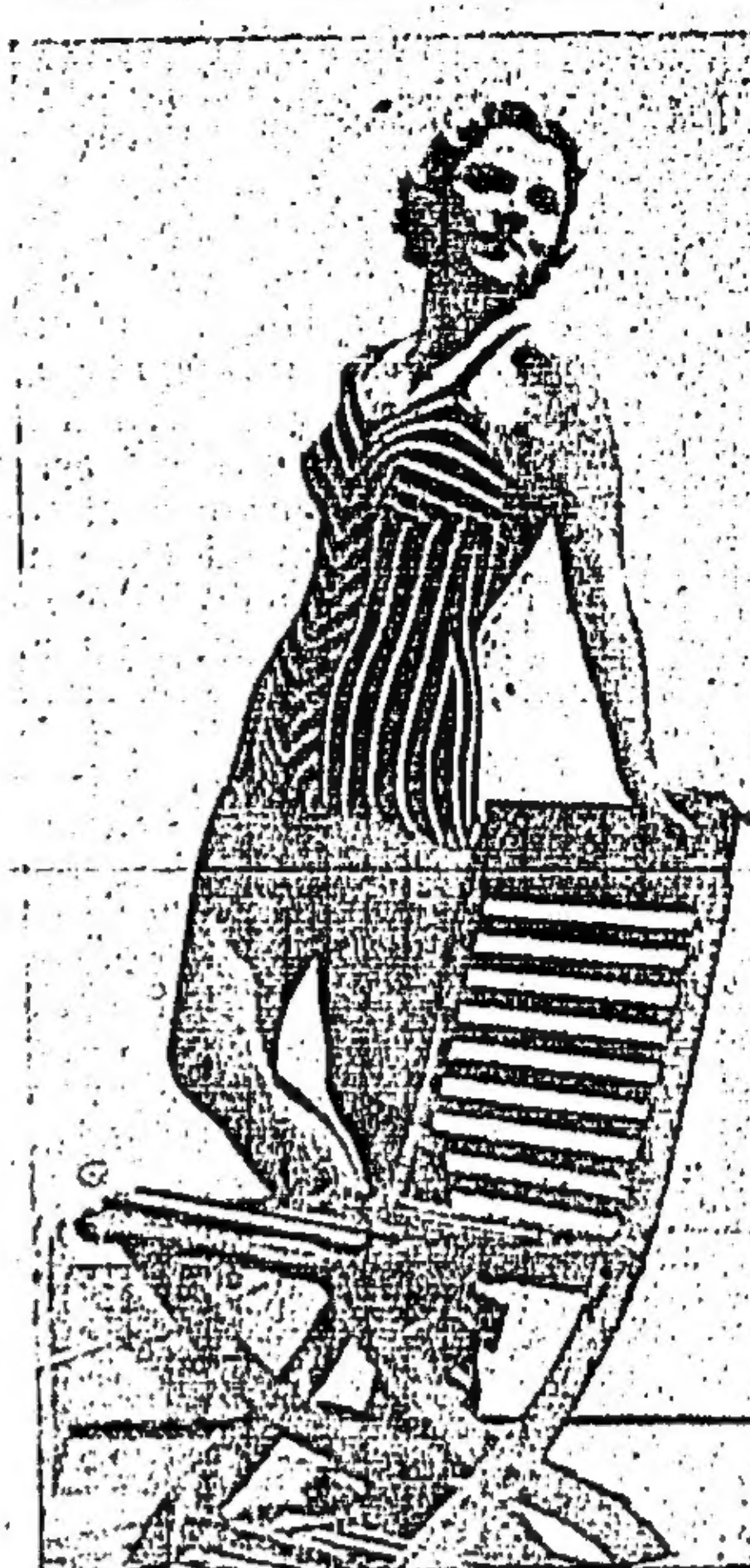
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Challengers For British Welter Title

LONDON, June 6 (Reuter).—Ernie Roderick, the British welter-weight champion, now in the R.A.F., will find plenty of opponents available when he can manage the time to fight.

At least three men think they have snatched a title fight. They are Norman Snow, Paddy Roche, the Irish champion, and Harry Lazar, the 18-year-old East London fighter.

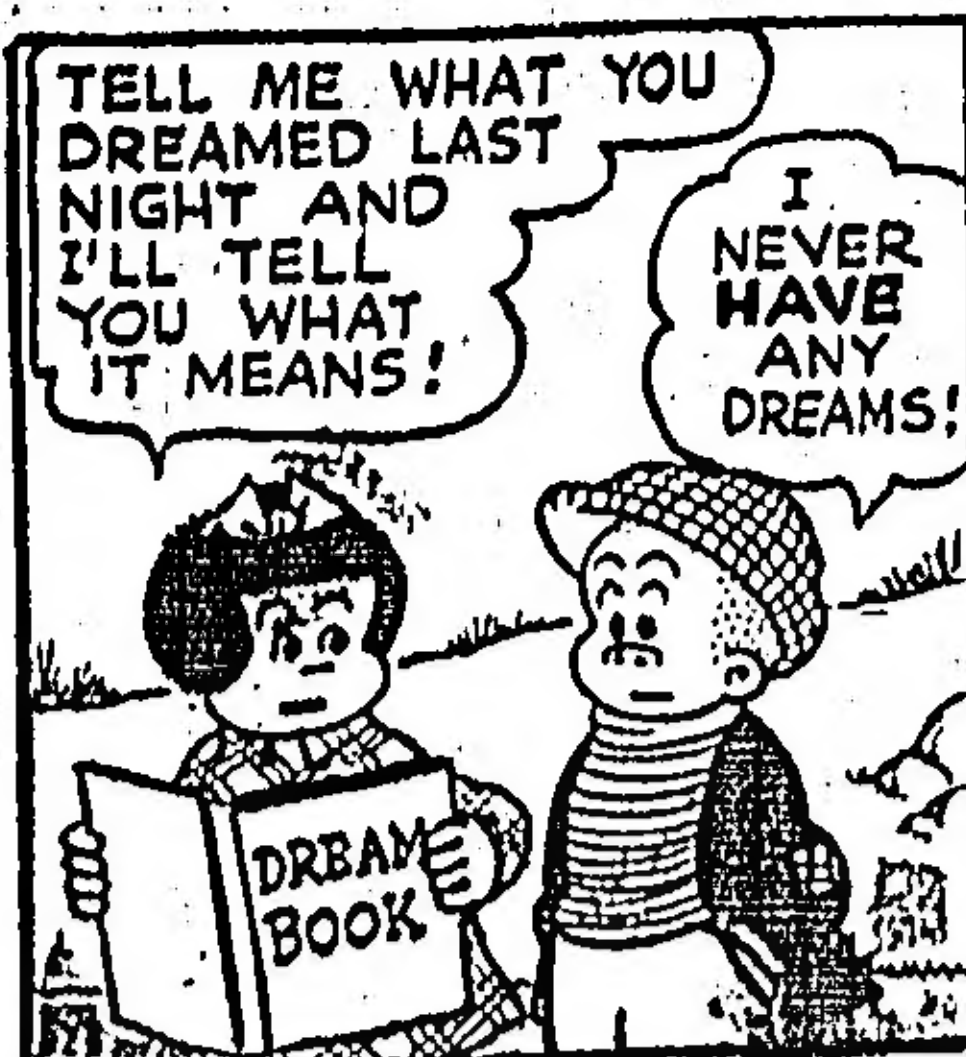
Roche, who is joining the Irish Guards, recently beat Arthur Danahar and George Odwell. He is now challenging Snow and is anxious to secure a fight with Roderick.

Boy Discovery

ABOUT a year ago Lazar—real name Lazarus—was being hailed as a boy discovery. Critics were unanimous that he was a champion in the making. Coming from a family of boxers, Lazar showed a natural aptitude for the game. He could punch; he had style and, above all, possessed the cool head of a veteran on his young shoulders.

Lazar disappeared from boxing for a time following his suspension by the British Boxing Board of Control for appearing in unlicensed tournaments, and little is known of his present form.

NANCY



Ladybird's Gallant Action

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—H.M.S. Ladybird, which was sunk by enemy action off Tobruk, was struck by two heavy shells and was "burning like hell" when she went down fighting.

Commander Blackburn, who brought the Ladybird from China to join the Mediterranean Fleet, described the conduct of the officers and ratings as "one of the most magnificent displays of courage I have ever seen."

Newspapers recall the Ladybird's adventures in China and says that she had often nosed her way into the shallow waters of the Libyan coast to shell Libyan fortresses.

CANADIANS IN BRITAIN

Will Serve Anywhere

OTTAWA, June 13 (Reuter).—Canadian troops are ready to be used in any field decided by the High Command, declared the Prime Minister, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, today.

Mr. Mackenzie King, referring to sea warfare, said that having regard to the comparative resources, tonnage, targets and striking power available, "the balance of the effect of destructions has not tilted as heavily as might appear on the side of Germany and Italy."

Every month, he continued, more Canadian men and weapons were added to British defences. This year two more divisions, one of which is armoured, would go to Britain.

Radio Technicians.—The numbers of men in the Royal Canadian Air Force is increasing daily. Over 1,000 radio technicians have been sent to Britain, where they are invaluable in the defence of the midnight skies, and more would follow.

Canada was sending a growing volume of war-machines to Britain and would continue also to send all food for which ships were available. Mr. Mackenzie King said the Canadian soldiers had enlisted for active service there and there had been no restrictions on their use or movement.

Australian Action Explained

SIMLA, June 13 (Reuter).—Addressing Indian and overseas press representatives, Sir Bertram Stevens, the Australian representative of the Eastern Group, referred to the recent decision of Australia to suspend the transference of funds raised for Spitfires to England.

Sir Bertram said that Australia's motives were in danger of being misunderstood and misrepresented. Such an action was merely a matter of accounting and transference of funds between Australia and London. It had nothing whatever to do with the Creta campaign. "Australia knows that she must suffer with Britain in the ordeal of war as well as share in the triumphs. We are proud to do so. There is no glimmer of a rift between Britain and the Commonwealth. We are with them to the last and we will endure all."

Roosevelt Message To King George VI

WASHINGTON, June 13 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has renewed his pledge of "full material assistance to Great Britain and her Allies" in a message to King George, congratulating His Majesty on his birthday and expressing sincere wishes for his well-being and for the well-being of all the peoples of the British Commonwealth.

The President adds: "I do not need to emphasize to Your Majesty my sympathy and the sympathy of the whole American nation with the great cause of freedom and justice which the peoples of the British Empire are now so valiantly defending."

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, will be present at the screening of a film of the recent official visit of His Excellency the Governor of Macao and, Madame Teixeira, and of films of South African travel, at the Club Lusitano next Friday, at 7.30 p.m.

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Mr. Frank Crossley, formerly of Shanghai.

German Battleship Hit And Damaged

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Force Retires

"Soon after 10 a.m. this morning, the battleship was stationary some miles off Mandal on the southern point of Norway, and later the whole force was observed to be retreating towards Skaggerak at a greatly reduced speed."

"One of our aircraft is missing from these operations and one enemy flying boat was destroyed by a Hudson reconnaissance aircraft."

A spokesman observer in London to-night declared that the damage inflicted on the pocket battleship must have been considerable as by 10 a.m. this morning, when she was sighted off Mandal, she had only covered about five miles whereas the normal speed of a pocket battleship is about 20 knots.

Must Dock

At this time, the battleship was retreating towards Skaggerak where, said the spokesman, "she will probably spend a considerable time in a naval dockyard before she will be in a fit state to put to sea again."

A bulletin from the Air Ministry, giving details of the action, says that the pocket battleship was heading northward with a screen of five destroyers when first sighted by a Blenheim pilot who, chasing a Heinkel seaplane off the Norwegian coast, emerged into a clear patch to see a German warship directly below him.

First Hit

The pilot reported back and a force of bombers was despatched to attack. A Flight Sergeant from Coventry with a navigator from Saskatchewan piloted the Blenheim which registered the first hit.

The battleship was hit amidships by one torpedo which was dropped at less than 100 feet, and the attack was effected with such surprising suddenness that the plane escaped without a shot being fired.

The pilot, describing the attacker later, said that the battleship was in the middle with one destroyer immediately ahead and two others on either side, "a very effective screen against a torpedo attack."

Bold Manoeuvre

"We flew at right angle across the stern of the battleship, then we made right-about turn and came back roundside less than 100 feet high. I had to sidestep the aircraft round the stern of one of the destroyers to get in position to drop my torpedo. I let the torpedo go just after we passed the destroyer and then crossed within about 100 yards in front of the battleship's bow."

EIGHT DAYS IN OPEN BOAT

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It palatable for Americans as part of war propaganda and war psychosis. I do not know why this incident is regarded as so important. We sink every ship with contraband aboard that is sailing for England. In fact, that is about all there is to the matter."

American Stand

WASHINGTON, June 13 (UP).—Discussing the Robin Moor sinking, Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, asserted that the United States stands on the principle of international law that proper precautions for the lives and safety of passengers and crew must be taken before a ship is sunk. He indicated his disbelief that such precautions were taken in the sinking of the Robin Moor.

He declared that international law is clear on the point and that Germany and the United States had accepted the principle embodied in the British Naval Treaty. He noted that the United States had never acquiesced in the British and German definitions of contraband, but the facts obtained from the survivors are indisputable as concerns international law, concerning the lives and safety of passengers and crew.

No War Materials

NEW YORK, June 13 (Reuter).—The Robin Line, owners of the Robin Moor, assured the press at a conference that the Robin Moor carried neither munitions nor war materials.

They allowed the press to examine the ship's manifest and a preliminary examination showed that one of 22 calibre rifles without ammunition and ten cases of low-gauge shot-gun shells consigned to a sporting goods shop in Johannesburg.

An official of the shipping line said that there were some chemicals of an unidentified type aboard and they were attempting to discover what they were used for.

Germany considers chemicals as a class of contraband.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The annual general meeting and annual dinner of the Photographic Society of Hongkong will be held on Tuesday, June 17, in the Peacock Lounge, commencing at 6.10 p.m.

LaGuardia Talks To Morrison

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—Mr LaGuardia, Mayor of New York, had a trans-Atlantic telephone conversation with Mr. Herbert Morrison, British Minister of Home Security, today. The Mayor said that the American people were hard at work in making planes and war material for Britain and that they would see that these reached Britain safely.

Mr Morrison said that if American assistance could reach Britain in time, he did not think America would need to use the air raid shelters now being constructed in the United States. He added that an American worker how long they could stand the German bombing. He replied: "Just one week longer than the German can," and added Mr Morrison, "that is the spirit and the right reply."

Flying U.S. Planes To Britain

New Appointments

LONDON, June 13 (Reuter).—The British Air Ministry has announced the appointment of Coastal Air Defence Chief, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick William Bowhill to command the British end of deliveries of American-built aircraft to Britain by air.

Sir Frederick's duties, according to an Air Ministry statement, will be "the command of the organization which will take delivery from the recently formed Ferry Command of the United States Army Air Corps and fly to the United Kingdom the aircraft produced in American factories for the Royal Air Force."

Former Command

Since August 1937, Sir Frederick has been Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Command whose operations received considerable extension to cover the protection of shipping as part of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Born in Morarwallor, India, and aged 60, Sir Frederick has been a military flier since 1912 when he joined the naval wing of the old Royal Flying Corps. He held commands in East Africa and the Mediterranean, and in 1919 was chief staff officer in a successful expedition against the "Mad Mullah" in Somaliland.

Sir Frederick is succeeded as C-in-C of the Coastal Command by Air Marshal Sir Philip Joubert de la Ferté, whose appointment is effective from to-morrow.

Air Marshal Joubert held the same post for a year before 1937 when he went to India to become Commander of the R.A.F. in India until the outbreak of war. He was recalled for service to Great Britain and later became Assistant Chief of Air Staff.

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45,000 Vichy Troops Oppose Us In Syria

FROM PAGE ONE

his original policy of uniting Vichy with Germany to fight Britain. "It is not expected that General Weygand will do anything that goes beyond the Armistice terms."

Feelings of Brittany

"Darlan knows that he cannot count on the support of the French Fleet because more than 60 per cent. of the crews come from Brittany where the national feeling is strongest and hatred of Germany deepest. If Darlan gave the order for the Fleet to attack, many French ships would come to Britain."

"Darlan ordered the battleship Richelieu to return from Dakar to Brest, but the crew refused and that is why the Richelieu remains at Dakar."

Moneychangers' Premium

The premium at which a money-changer may exchange Hongkong currency of any denomination for Hongkong one-cent notes has been fixed at one-half of one per cent. by the Financial Secretary, Mr. R. R. Todd, according to a notification in the Government Gazette.

It is an offence for a money-changer in relation to any such exchange to charge a greater premium or make any greater or other charge for his service than the premium now prescribed.

Heavy Fighting In Progress For Sidon

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In action against enemy planes off the coast of Syria to-day. A special communiqué issued by the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters Command states to-day that Australian Air Force machines shot down three Junkers 88 and damaged others near the coast of Syria.

The Australian fighters attacked eight or nine Junkers 88 bearing Italian distinguishing marks, which had intended attacking a naval squadron three miles west of Sidon.

Four enemy planes dived and dropped their bombs, but the remainder jettisoned their loads and retreated hastily. Australian fighters shot down four Junkers and serious damage was inflicted on others, one of which flew off with a wing on fire.

The Australians suffered no loss or damage.

Raid On Beirut

BEIRUT, June 13 (UP).—Four air raids were made on Beirut last night and one this morning.

No Unnecessary Bloodshed

CAIRO, June 13 (Reuter).—The Allied forces' desire to minimize bloodshed is the main reason Damascus is not yet occupied.

From the hills south of Damascus, they can see the gardens and date palm groves of the city.

Had this been a purely military operation, tanks would doubtless long ago have forged ahead while artillery hammered the circles of modern forts guarding the city.

The peculiarity of these forts is that they were mostly built for the purpose of firing on the city itself in the event of a rising.

The lava bed terrain around Damascus also tends to slow the advance of the Allied troops.

Syrian circles in Egypt are most interested in a persistent report from Ankara of a British thrust from Dore el Zor on the Euphrates to Palmyra, which, if confirmed, would be a brilliant strategic move.

The main configuration of the country is of two mountain ridges parallel with the coast, making east to west communications difficult, but there is one gap along the line of Palmyra-Homs-Tripoli, which cuts Syria in two.

Tripoli commands almost all the country lying to the west of the range nearest the coast while Homs commands the country on either side of the other ridge.

Any drive to Tripoli as General Dentz must well know would, therefore, establish the Allied forces in a commanding position, enabling them to push north and south and joined the naval wing of the old Royal Flying Corps. He held commands in East Africa and the Mediterranean, and in 1919 was chief staff officer in a successful expedition against the "Mad Mullah" in Somaliland.

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Soviet Protests Harmony With Nazis

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for war with Germany are 'devoted of any foundation. "Fourthly, the recent mobilisation of reserves and manoeuvres had for their object the training of reserve contingents and the checking up of the working of the railway system, and to represent these operations as hostile to Germany is, to say the least, absurd."

Pointing out that these rumours have been particularly insistent since the arrival of the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps, in London, "Tass" described the rumours as "clumsily concocted propaganda by forces hostile to Germany and the U.S.S.R."

No New Agreement

MOSCOW, June 13 (Reuter).—An English language version of the Tass Agency statement says, "Tass declares that firstly, Germany has presented any demands to the U.S.S.R. and does not propose any new and closer agreement. No negotiations on this subject could have taken place. "Rumours of Germany's intention to denounce the pact and undertake an attack on the Soviet Union are devoid of any ground, whereas the despatching of German troops relieved from operations in the Balkans to the Eastern and North-eastern districts of Germany, which are now taking place is connected, it should be assumed, with other motives having no bearing on Soviet-German relations."

Fourthly, the summer camp drills of the Red Army reservists that are being held at present, and the forthcoming manoeuvres have no other purpose than the training of reservists and the checking up of the railway system which is carried out, as is known, every year."

DRIVE POSTPONED

The Bridge and Major Drive arranged to take place at the Cheero Club on June 23, has been postponed to June 30 at 5 p.m.

Mr. Ernest Hillas Williams has been appointed a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension, vice Mr. R. A. D. Forrest.

Civilians Killed In Britain

LONDON, June 13.

Over 10,000 casualties were caused by German air raids on Britain last month. The figures issued by the Ministry of Home Security for May show that 5,394 people were killed and 5,181 were injured and detained in hospitals.

The total number of persons killed since the German blitz of last year now stands at 39,078.—Reuter Bulletin.

ST LOUIS SCHOOL

Extension to Premises Taken in Hand

The rapid development of the St Louis Industrial School—from 35 pupils in 1927 to 670 in 1940—has made it necessary for the Salesian Fathers to enlarge frequently the premises at West Point. Once again they find that the School is still too small.

Two years ago plans were drawn up and approved for a new wing capable of accommodating several hundred more boys, but the outbreak of war caused these plans to be shelved until a more propitious time. However, so numerous and insistent are the applications for admission from hundreds of poor boys, that it is necessary, despite the times, to make at least another small extension.

When completed, 150 more boys will be accommodated. The Fathers would like to thank all those who by their generous co-operation have made such gratifying progress possible.

The extension is well in hand, and before very long the scaffolding will be removed and the finishing touches will be applied.

Alleged Colour Bar In A.R.P.

Allegations of a "colour bar" in St Pancras (London) A.R.P. services have been made by members of the local borough council and an investigation asked for.

It was stated that a member of the stretcher party, Mr C. M. Allen, had not been made a leader because he is an African.

A letter sent to Mr Allen by the Assistant Medical Officer for St Pancras was stated to have said that the selection of leaders was based not only on the success of their training but also on their ability to maintain discipline and obedience in their squads.

In this case certain colour prejudices might arise.

"Bombs do not discriminate between black and white," said a member of the Council, supporting the protest.

FIANCE UNAWARE HE IS ENGAGED

Accepting a captive officer's proposal of marriage sent by letter, a girl is wearing an engagement ring given to her by her fiancé's parents.

The officer, Captain William T. Lawton, of Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, does not know yet that Miss Joan Pogson, twenty, only daughter of Captain and Mrs W. C. Pogson, of Hillcrest, Flinthwaite, near Huddersfield, has accepted him.

The girl's letter, saying "Yes," has not reached the prison camp in Poland to which he was transferred from one in Austria.

"My fiancé was captured in the battle of France," Miss Pogson told a reporter.

"Not a word has been struck out of any of his letters by the German censors, and the kisses at the bottom were also invariably left intact."

COLONY'S LOYAL MESSAGE

The following telegram was dispatched by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

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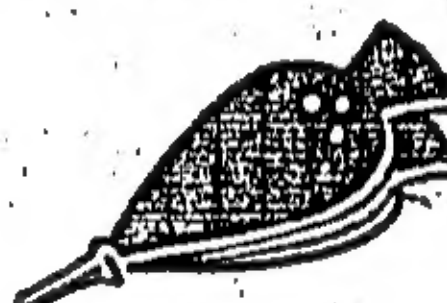
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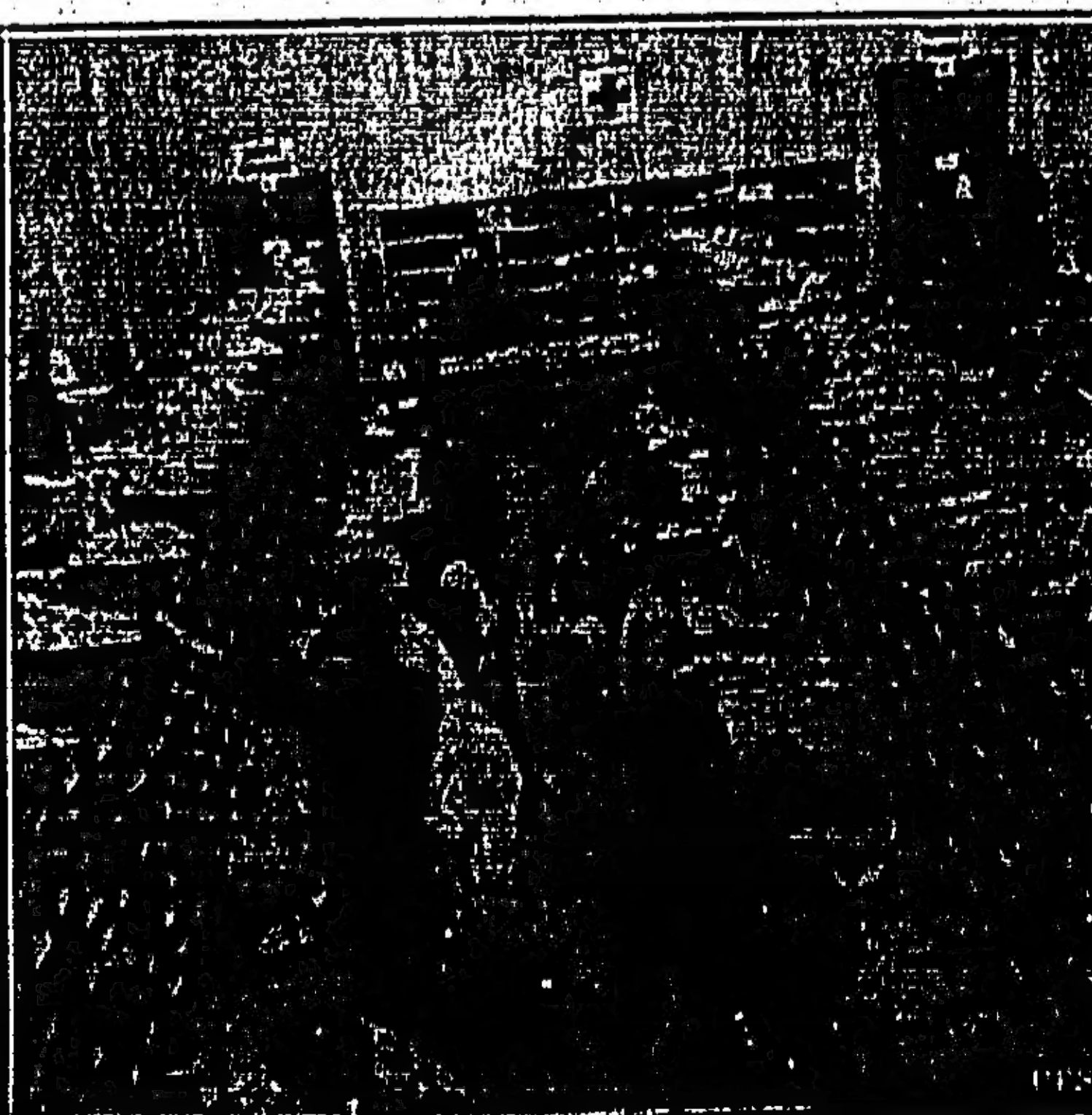
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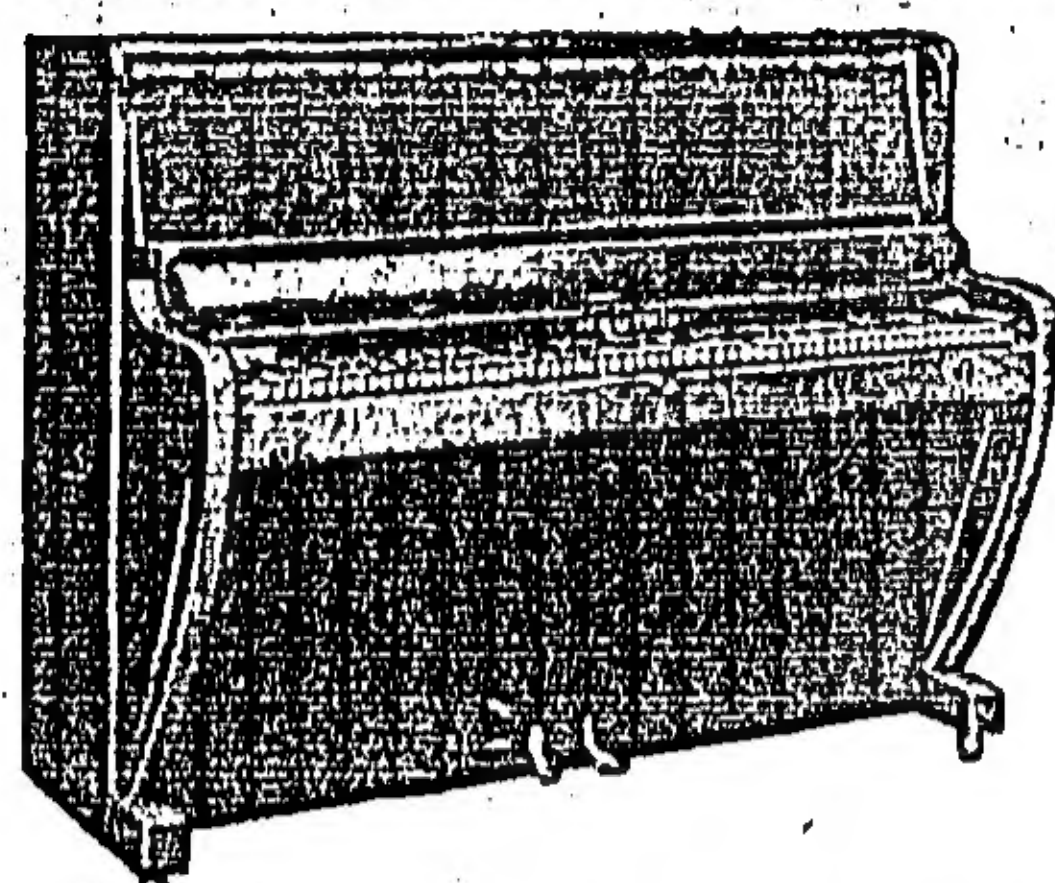


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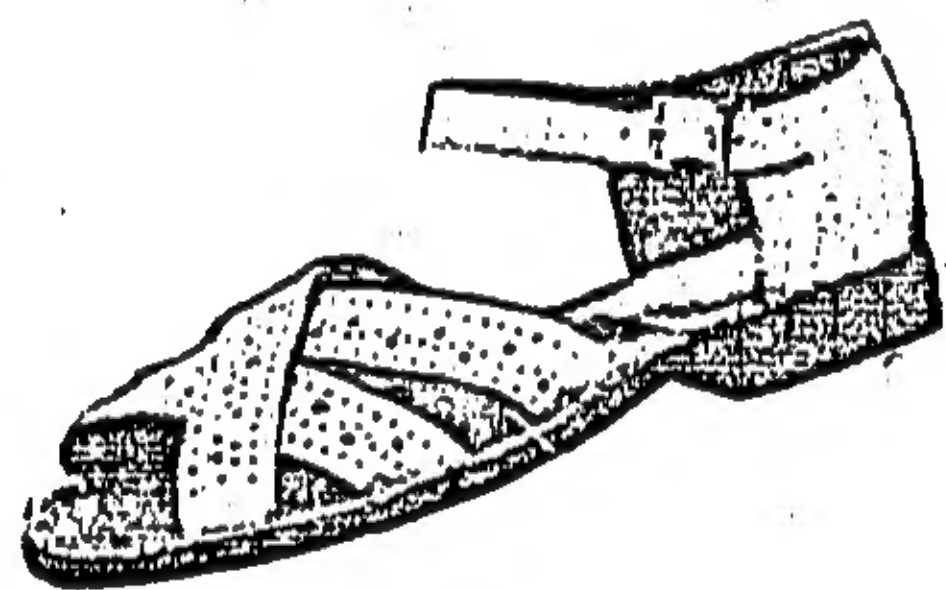
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DIAMOND JUBILEE

WITH pride, born not of vain-glory, but because, it is sincerely believed, something of value and purpose has been attempted and accomplished over the years, the "Telegraph" to-day observes its Diamond Jubilee. In normal times, the event might have been signalled by a more pretentious celebration; but to-day, there are far more important and compelling things occupying the attention; Britain, the Empire and Hongkong itself are in the midst of a tremendous struggle for very existence; for the perpetuation of democracy which has, above all things, made it possible for the "Telegraph" to celebrate such an august occasion as its Diamond Jubilee.

The traditional freedom of the press associated with the democracies has been enjoyed to the full by Hongkong newspapers, and because it has always appreciated how priceless is this asset, the "Telegraph," during its 60 years of publication has striven to justify and uphold it. Honest and impartial presentation of daily news, fair comment and a progressive policy have been the three constant aims of the paper during its career; shortcomings in this quest there must be, but there is reason to believe that in the main the objectives have been fairly realised. Endeavour has always been made to keep abreast of the rapidly changing times and conditions, created chiefly by improved and faster communications and mechanical innovations. For this reason the "Telegraph" possesses some of the most modern typesetting machines, the most varied array of type, and the most complete process department in the Colony.

All this and more has been accomplished over the years, but it would not have been possible but for the constant and sympathetic support of the public. This has, in fact, grown steadily, and to-day, it is realised with deep satisfaction, stands firmer than ever. It is with a renewed determination to strive to uphold the best principles of Journalism, and with the knowledge that in this, the paper will enjoy the wholehearted support and encouragement of the Colony, that the "Telegraph" celebrates its Diamond Jubilee and looks forward to filling for many years to come, its niche in Hongkong newspaperdom.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," WHICH COMMENCED PUBLICATION ON JUNE 15, 1881 TO-MORROW ATTAINS ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE

60 YEARS IN HONGKONG JOURNALISM

TO-MORROW, JUNE 15, IS THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," AND WHILE WORLD EVENTS WHICH ARE VITALLY AFFECTING THE LIFE OF THE COLONY DO NOT MAKE THIS A PROPITIOUS TIME FOR THE PUBLICATION OF ANY RECORD OF THE PAPER'S HISTORY ON AN AMBITIOUS SCALE, IT HAS BEEN FELT THAT THE EVENT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS BY WITHOUT PRESENTING TO OUR MANY LOYAL FRIENDS AND PUBLIC SUPPORTERS, AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF POSTERITY, SOME PERMANENT RECORD OF THE HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY. THIS PAGE TO-DAY, IS THEREFORE, DEVOTED TO A BRIEF RESUME OF THE CAREER OF THE "TELEGRAPH" DURING THE PAST 60 YEARS.

The sixty years from 1881 to 1941 have been a period of great changes in the world. Progress has been rapid in nearly all branches of human endeavour; many new ideas have taken root, and in ways of thought, and habits of living, remarkable changes have been seen. The course of history has been profoundly influenced by many momentous events. One Great War has already been fought; now we are in the midst of another, infinitely more severe than the first and more vital to civilisation.

Throughout these sixty years, the "Hongkong Telegraph" has endeavoured to march with the times in unflagging effort to serve the public of this Colony. Its content has been to present daily, in every progressive means available, a clear and informative record of news from every quarter, and to interpret such news, according to the best traditions of British Journalism, by unbiassed and reasoned comment. In all due modesty, it may justly be claimed that its record of sixty years of uninterrupted publication and continuous service is an outstanding one among newspapers in the Far East.

Fraser Smith—Founder

Founded by the late Mr. Robert Fraser Smith, who was its first editor, the "Telegraph" was first published on June 15, 1881. Four small pages, eighteen inches by twelve, with a mere three and a half columns of actual news matter, comprised the first issue. This format was slightly enlarged in the next year, and subsequent alterations and improvements have brought the paper to what it is to-day.

The founder of the "Telegraph" was a striking personality, and the impress he left on the journal which he brought into being is still borne witness to by the fact that even today, among the Chinese of the Colony the "Telegraph" is popularly known as "See-mit Sai Po," or "Smith's Newspaper."

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In 1895, the property was put up for auction and was purchased by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., the Colony's leading barrister. For many years he directed its policy.

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During Mr. Skerchley's editorship, Mr. Francis sold the "Telegraph" to a Chinese syndicate, of which the late Mr. Ho Fook and the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak were directors. The largest individual shareholder, however, was Mr. J. C. Kershaw, author of "The Butterflies of Hongkong," who later lost his life in the Singapore mutiny. Other prominent shareholders were Sir Robert Ho Tung and the late Mr. Chau Siu-ki.

On Mr. Skerchley's severing his connection with the paper, the late Mr. E. A. Snewin, who was chief reporter, was appointed editor, with Mr. George Mannington as assistant editor. In 1908, Mr. Snewin left to join the "Straits Times," and Mr. J. P. Braga then took over the editorship as well as the management of the paper.

Two years later Mr. A. W. Brebner became editor, but he passed away in 1910, whereupon Mr. Braga resumed the editorship until a year later when the "Telegraph" was purchased by Dr. J. W. Noble. The late Mr. Alfred Hicks then took charge, and continued to occupy the editorial chair for 26 years until his death from cholera in 1937.

Dr. Noble was a far-sighted man and a shrewd financier, and under his direction neither pains nor money was spared to raise the general standard of the paper. Its resplendence can, in fact, be attributed to his efforts, for he laid the foundations for the "Telegraph's" subsequent expansion and prosperity.

In 1918 he sold the undertaking to the South China Morning Post, Ltd., thus allying it with another progressive journal which, like the "Telegraph," has grown remarkably in popularity, influence and prosperity during the past two decades.

In its sixty years' existence, the "Telegraph" has had five different offices, including the printing offices in Wellington Street from which the paper was first launched. Its first proper offices and printing works were in Pedder's Hill. Then, on the death of its founder, it moved to the top floor of Lock King's building in Queen's Road, next to the Queen's Theatre. It next moved to the building at the corner of Ice House Street and Battery Path, now occupied by the Post Office. Finally, after the paper was acquired by Dr. Noble, a move was made to premises at No. 47 Des Voeux Road, but some years later a return was made to the former premises in Ice House Street.

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FLASHBACK TO 1881

Hongkong's total population in 1881 was estimated to be, in the region of 170,000.

The Governor of the Colony at the time was Sir John Pope Hennessy.

There were five cases on the Criminal Sessions calendar for June 1881. One Kwong Tsai Tung, was charged with "unlawfully and wilfully making a false statement."

Inspector Swanston, authorised to register births and deaths in the district of Shaukiwan, and receiving a summons with regard to the birth of a child. Other cases concerned a man with intent to murder, and a man with intent to murder.

The provision of punkahs was announced for an entertainment given by the 27th Inniskillings at the Garrison Theatre.

Houses in Spring Gardens, each containing four rooms, were advertised to let at \$10 per month, inclusive of taxes. Others in Stanton Street, four rooms with bathrooms, were \$25 per month. Board and lodging could be had at \$25 per month.

The English and American Variety Combination gave two performances in Hongkong during the summer. The programme consisted of acrobatic and trapeze acts and comic sketches.

On October 4, 1881 the roof of the Criminal Sessions at Murray Barracks fell in, killing one Chinese coolie and injuring another. Subsequently, a chimney caused the accident, an inquiry into which was held, with Mr. R. E. Wodehouse as coroner.

The season commenced at the Hongkong Cricket Club on October 7 of the year with a match between the First Eleven and the Remainder.

The annual meeting of Subscribers to the Race Fund was held at the Hongkong Club. The accounts showed: total of subscriptions, \$8,350.00; expenditure, \$4,350.13; balance in hand, \$4,000.00.

A typhoon of some intensity, occurring on the night of October 13/14, caused many accidents to Chinese craft in the harbour and much loss of life. The Hongkong Dispensary's launch overturned near Pedder's Wharf, but the crew was saved. The crew of a junk which was wrecked was rescued with lings by Europeans.

At the end of the year, the following were the quotations for local stocks: Hongkong and Shanghai Banks, 117 percent premium; Union Insurance, \$1,600 per share; Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, 38 percent premium; Steamship Company, 223 percent premium; Hongkong Hotel, 100 percent premium; Gas Company, 483 percent premium.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1941.

Royal Air Force Sailors

By RONALD WALKER

Few people realise that while the Navy has its own aircraft, the Royal Air Force has its own fleet. Its ships are the seagoing launches and pinnaces and the variety of small boats which serve flying boats and seaplanes. They make up the Marine Craft Section of the R.A.F. The crews are largely sailors in the uniform of the air.

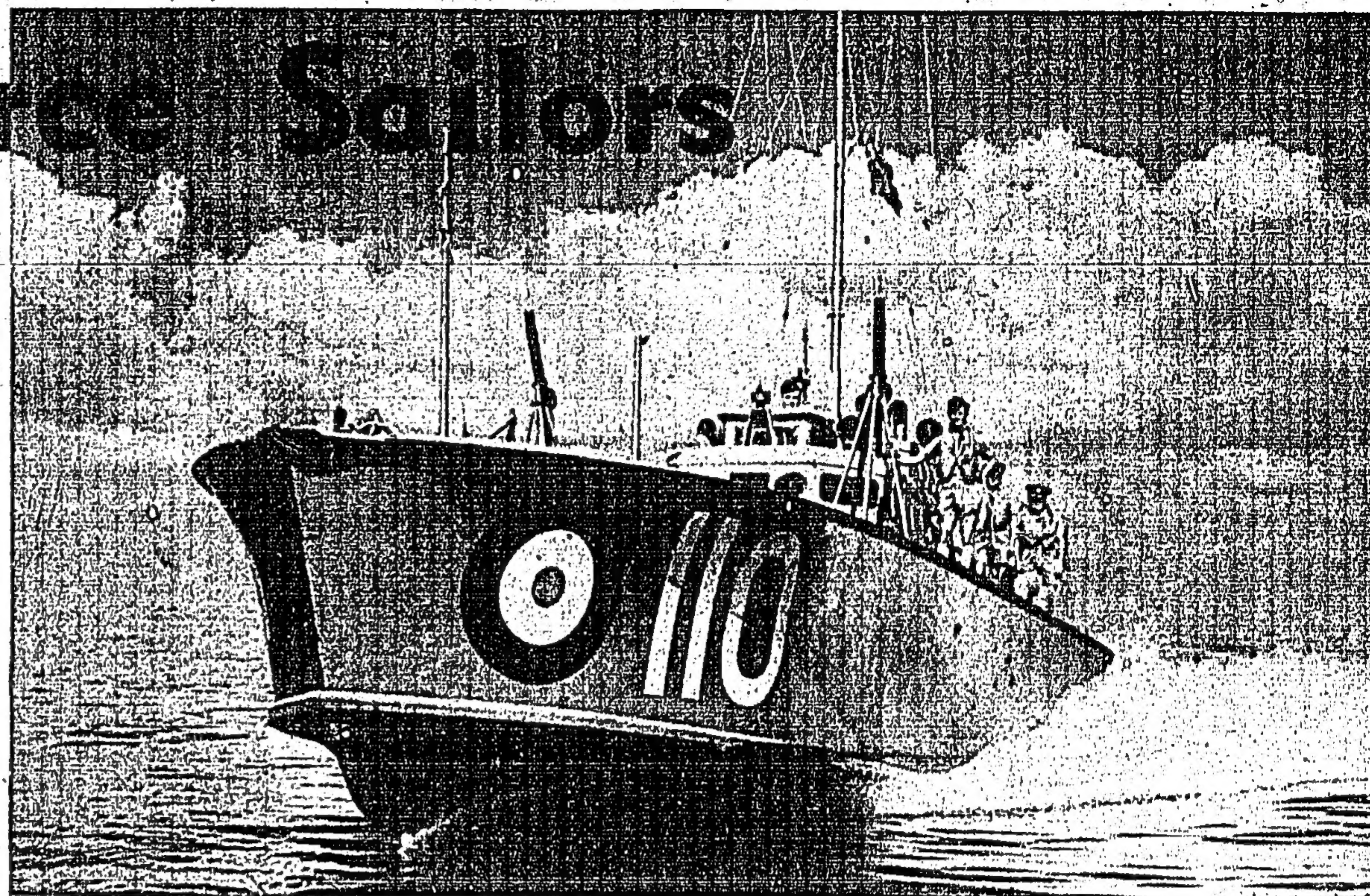
The Section is part of Coastal Command, which trains its own crews. They have their own floating dock for ship repair, and at the Command bases are miniature shipyards.

Pride of the fleet are the high-speed launches whose principal work is rescuing airmen sailors from the sea. Then come pinnaces, flying boat tenders, refuellers, bomb scows, trawler and drifter auxiliaries and pilot cutters, armoured target boats, mooring boats and dinghies.

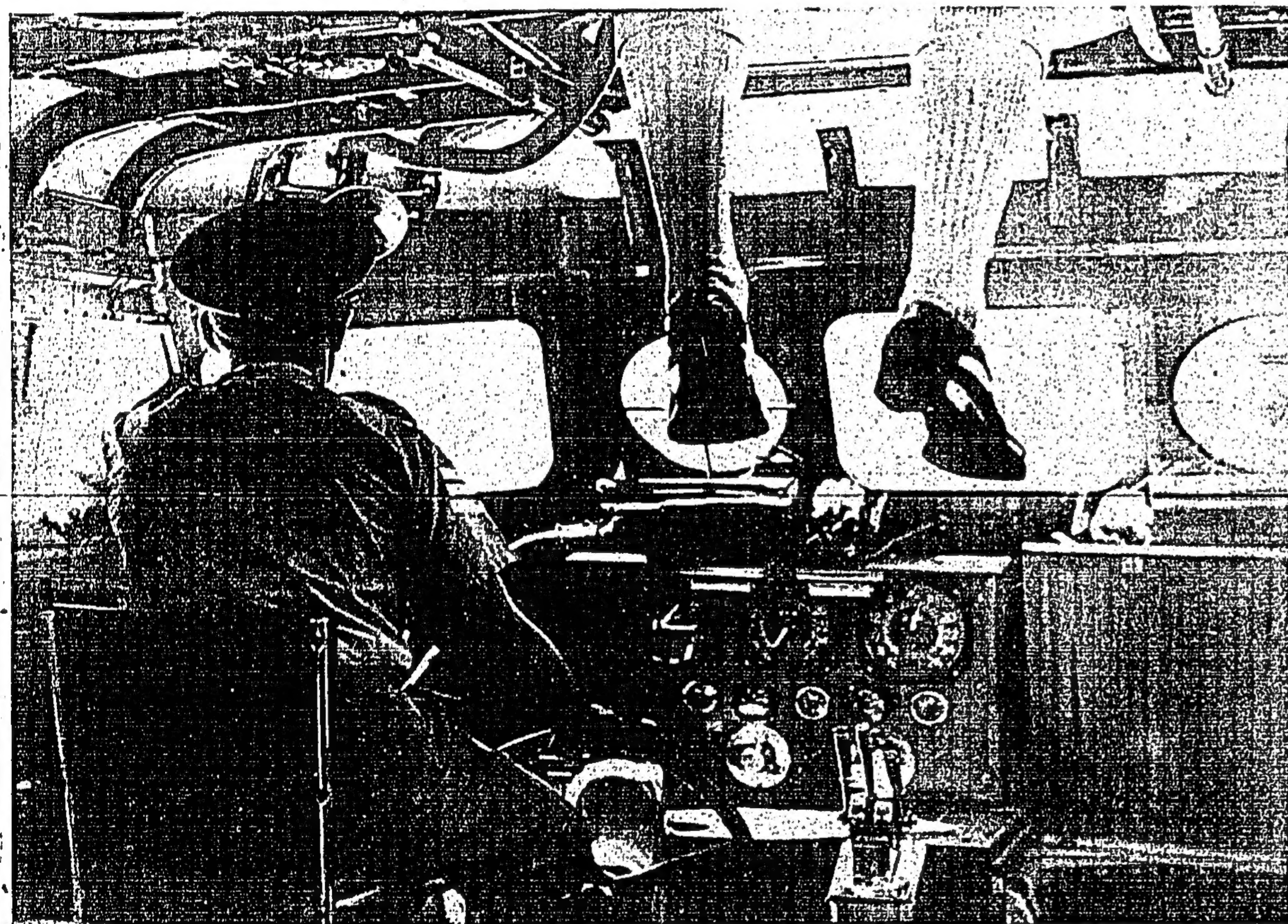
The launches are 63 feet long with a beam of 14 feet. Powered by the three 500 h.p. aero engines they have a top speed of 40 m.p.h. and cruise at 32 m.p.h. They carry a crew of ten. The captain, known as the Master, has the rank of Flying Officer. His crew consists of two first-class coxswains, three deck hands, two engineers and two wireless operators.

Originally the rescue launches were unarmed as it was believed that the enemy would respect mercy work. It was a vain belief. German bombers and fighters attacked the launches even when they were fishing German airmen out of the sea. Now they carry machine guns to defend themselves.

The launches maintain regular coastal patrol. When a radio message comes in from an aircraft, which may be put over the

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A launch of the R.A.F. doing valuable work in the high-speed launch section. These launches are fitted with radio, medical and life-saving apparatus, and have been the means of saving a large number of lives when aircraft have been shot or forced down in the sea.



The pinnaces are smaller craft. They have a speed of 14 knots and carry a crew of five. They service the flying boats, lay flares for landing, carry stores, recover practice torpedoes, and assist in the sea rescue work. One pinnace went out to find some R.A.F. men down in a dinghy off the North of Scotland.

A trawler and a lifeboat had failed to find them. The pinnace battled its way through terrific seas and located the airmen who had taken to their rubber boat in a 60 m.p.h. gale. So bad was the weather that the pinnace could not get back for four days. They rode out the storm at sea anchor. The home station had almost given them up for lost when they arrived back in port. The master stepped ashore and saluted the Station Commander, and said, "Sorry I am late, sir."

The tenders act as crash boats, standing by when the flying-boats take-off or alight; the refuellers fill the tanks with fuel and oil; the scows bring out loads of bombs; the trawler and drifter auxiliaries and pilot cutters act as targets for torpedo bombing practice and recover them after dropping; the dinghies race back and forth between shore and the moored flying-boats; and the mooring boats keep up a constant round of the coastal bases and maintain the flying-boat mooring sites.

Most exciting of the R.A.F. marine craft are the armoured target boats—small 20-knot motor boats with a crew of three who huddle in a small cabin protected by three and a half tons of steel. They wear crash helmets and have their ears plugged against blast. Their job is to be bombed by trainee bombers. The bombs are only small ones of about 11 pounds, but a direct hit adds variety to the lives of the crew. The boats are so constructed as to be almost unsinkable; but accurate bombing sends the little boats leaping about in the water, battered by bombs bursting around and on them. From the flurry of broken water a cheerful voice comes up over the radio telephone to the bomber overhead, "O.K., carry on." It is not surprising that the crews get danger pay.

At the left is a view of the interior of the cabin of a high-speed launch. The log belongs to the officer in command, who is on look-out from the top cockpit. Below is seen a high-speed armoured target boat, used by the Royal Air Force for bombing practice.

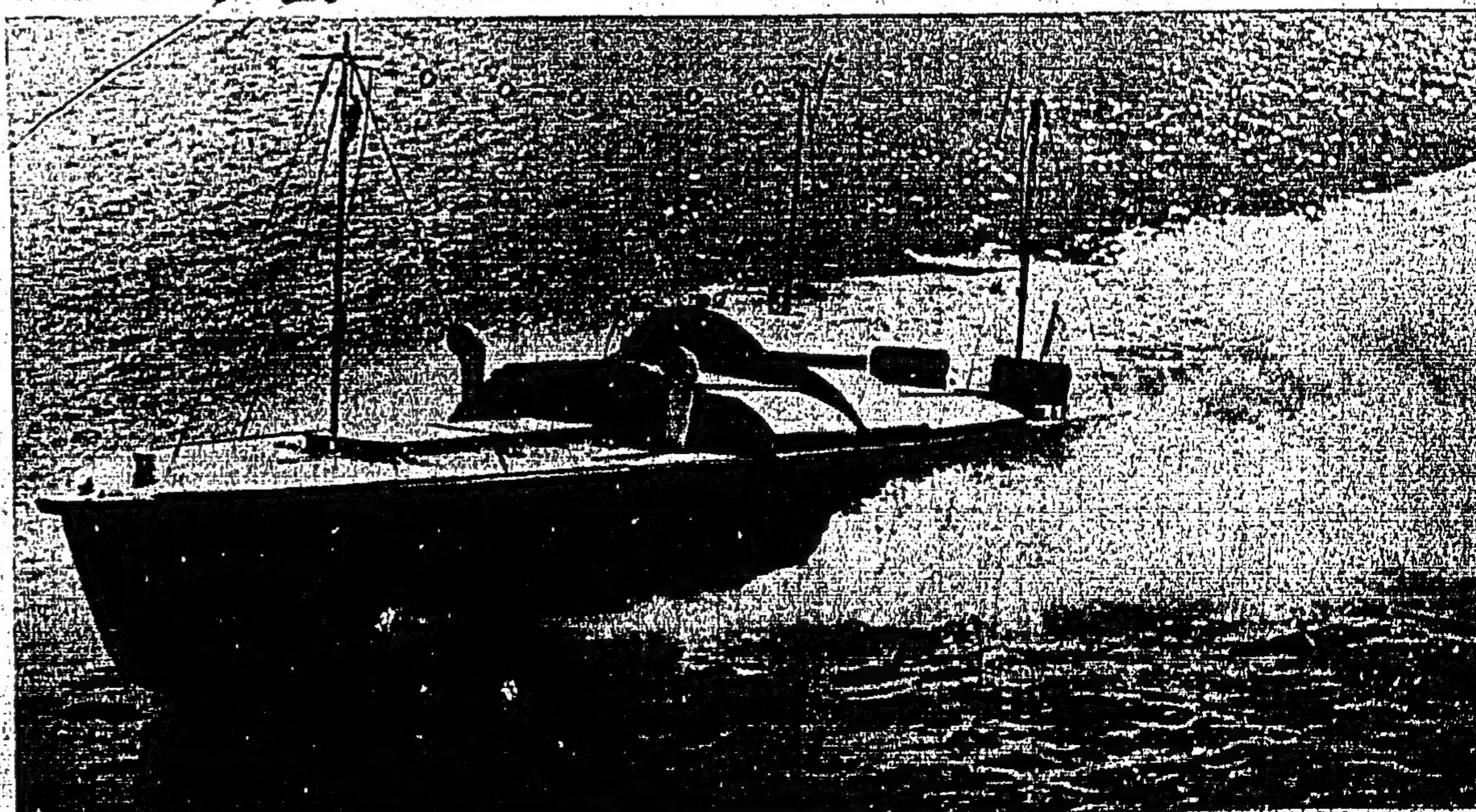
North Sea, that a German aeroplane has been shot down and the crew have taken to their rubber dinghy, the nearest launch springs to action. The message gives the position of the downed machine. Rough seas do not stop these amazingly sturdy boats. The Master estimates where the dinghy will be, sea movements and wind taken into consideration, when the rescue launch arrives. When they get to the estimated area, they run backwards and forwards across it—pattern searching. Owing to the launches being low in the water, the crew cannot see far when waves are piling up above them. Sometimes launch and dinghy have been within a few yards of each other and have remained unseen.

Reconnaissance aircraft on patrol lend a hand by guiding the launches.

Attacked by German aeroplanes, the launches sometimes get disabled and the crews killed or wounded. There are many great untold stories of the courage of the crews. Completely disabled by bombs and machine-gun fire, the boats have drifted for hours in heavy seas which pounded them relentlessly. Engineers have struggled to repair shattered engines. Masters have somehow brought their little ships limping home, or been lucky enough to get a tow from a passing ship.

There is one story of a launch being out all night in rough seas before being able to find and rescue some German airmen in a rubber boat. Many people have criticised this intensive effort to aid the enemy; but the policy of the R.A.F. is not altogether humanitarian. They will tell you that a rescued German airman has good intelligence value and that dead Germans cannot speak at all.

Into the rescue drag net come sailors whose ships have been sunk.

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Fact
from the
British Commonwealth
is the basis of this
Beer



More people are drinking
Blue Label



Interesting, colourful and human story of "Chad Hanna," now showing at the King's Theatre. The film is a fine adaptation of the novel by Walter D. Edmonds, and its entertainment value is heightened by elaborate mounting and excellent technical colour.

Set in the turbulent early quarter of the last century, with the Erie Canal as a background, the story revolves around the adventures of a simple country boy who runs away to join a wandering circus show. Intertwined with the destiny of "Huguenine's One and Only International Circus" are the fates of three persons—Chad, the country lad, Albany Yates, the show's bareback equestrienne with the sultry allure, and Caroline, a love-starved, runaway country waif who aspires to be a star.

Caroline falls in love with Chad, but so gorgeous is Al-

bany that Chad forgets the girl at his side. Henry Fonda, whose remarkable performance lately in "The Return of Frank James" establishes for him a new reputation, plays the part of Chad Kibbee, Jane Darwell and Roscoe Ates.

ESCAPE

POWERFUL, and moving, tend her apoplectic monocular friend. "Escape," now at the Queen's and Alhambra, is familiar exposure of Germany's brutal internal discipline.

Here we have a young American seeking his ex-actress mother (German-born) who is in a concentration camp hospital under sentence of death.

Thwarted by official obstruction and suspicion, he meets a equestrienne with the sultry allure, and Caroline, a love-starved, runaway country waif who aspires to be a star.

Then the old woman is smugled out via the Countess' home, Chad, but so gorgeous is Al-

bany that Chad forgets the girl at his side.

This is a brilliant production, full of tenterhooks and tension; charged with the spirit of a crushed intelligent Teutonism under the iron heel, and handling divided loyalties very fairly.

Robert Taylor's sympathetic force and the unforced Norma Shearer charm are excellent; Conrad Veidt, though an unlikely apoplectic subject, is beautifully incisive, and Alla Nazimova reappears to get what is possible out of a part of prostrate suffering.

Atmosphere is admirable and crudity avoided.

Notes From Hollywood

It took a girl "extra" to uncover the secret of Hedy Lamarr's perfume.

Since Miss Lamarr's arrival in Hollywood several years ago, everyone has wondered what mysterious perfume the star uses. It seems to change on every occasion. But no one ever asked the actress directly.

"It must be specially made for her—perhaps it's from Asia—some admirer sends it," were some of the whispered comments whenever Miss Lamarr walked into a room or onto a film set.

Recently, one of the beauties on the "Ziegfeld Girl" set walked up to the star.

"Miss Lamarr, would you—could you, tell me the secret of your perfume?" she hesitantly asked.

"Secret? It's no secret," answered the actress, "I just mix two, three, sometimes four scents together—whatever is nearest at the time!"

Greer Garbo will play a dual role in her new picture. It will be a comedy, as yet untitled. George Cukor will direct.

William Powell has put an end to talk of his leaving Hollywood for Broadway.

"I have no intention of ever returning to New York for a stage play," the star declared. "I've been away from the stage since 1922, and in that time I've grown to love the motion picture industry so much that there is only one place for me—and that's Hollywood."

Nino Stevens, young American mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who was recently signed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, has been given the feminine lead, opposite Nelson Eddy, in "The Chocolate Soldier." This, one of the leading international light operatic successes of the present century, is based on George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," with music by Oscar Straus. It was first presented on the New York stage in September, 1909.

Charles Ray, famous star of the silent screen, who has never looked better, has been cast for the role of a United States Senator in "Blossoms in the Dust," starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon. Oddly enough, also in the same scene with Ray is Jerry Storm, who directed many of his outstanding successes in the silent era.

For the first time since her Arlette number in the first "Broadway Melody," Eleanor Powell will bow to the request of a partner or an elaborate stage setting.

The number has been included in a scene for her new film, "Lady Be Good," and is done spontaneously in the living room of an apartment. Miss Powell has worked up a typical routine, introducing many new and tricky steps which she devised during the past year.

The number will also mark the first public appearance of her invention, the "precision tap shoe." The shoe, which has been registered for patent, will be placed on the commercial market soon.

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Garden Spots

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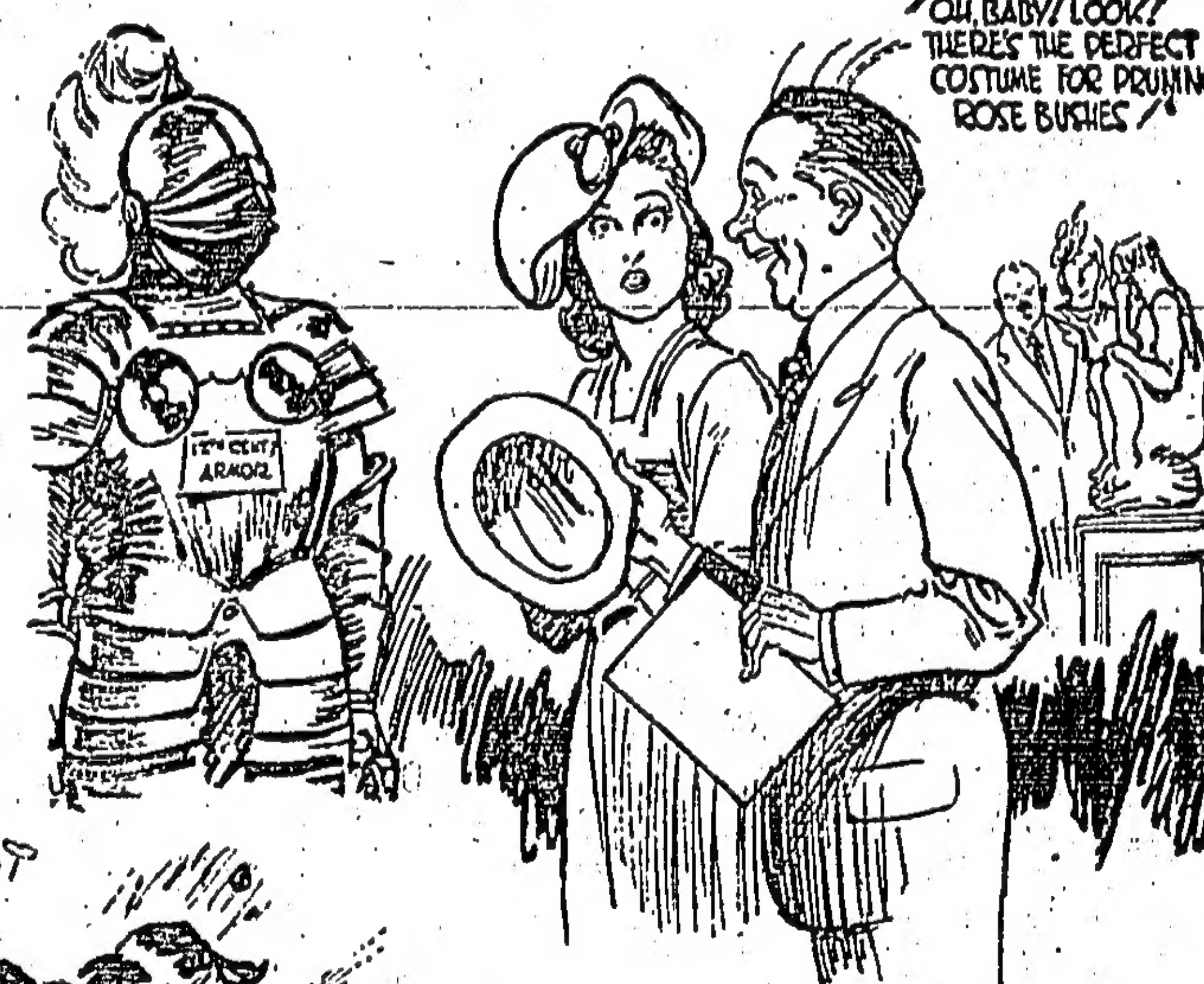


A GARDEN IS NO GARDEN WITHOUT DARNIPS!
EVEN THOUGH YOU DETEST SPINACH AND PARSNIPS THERE'LL BE FOLKS WHO'LL TAKE YOUR OMMISSION ALMOST AS A PERSONAL INSULT.



HARRY THOSE VINES NEED TRIMMING... AND THERE ARE LOADS OF SUCKERS ON THE ROSE BUSHES!

ONE CAN'T WORK IN A GARDEN WITHOUT THE PROPER COSTUMES... NOR WITH 'EM WITHOUT SPOILING THEM... AS FOR ACCESSORIES... A TRACTABLE HUSBAND IS AS GOOD AS ANY.



OH, BABY! LOOK! THERE'S THE PERFECT COSTUME FOR PRUNING ROSE BUSHES!

IF YOU ONLY COULD TEACH THEM TO DIG IN THE RIGHT PLACES AT THE RIGHT TIME.

YOU CAN FIND GARDEN HINTS EVEN IN A MUSEUM IF YOU KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.



OCCASIONALLY SOMEONE WILL TRY TO COMBINE BOTH PRACTICE AND THEORY, BUT IT USUALLY STINKS THE WORKS TEMPORARILY.



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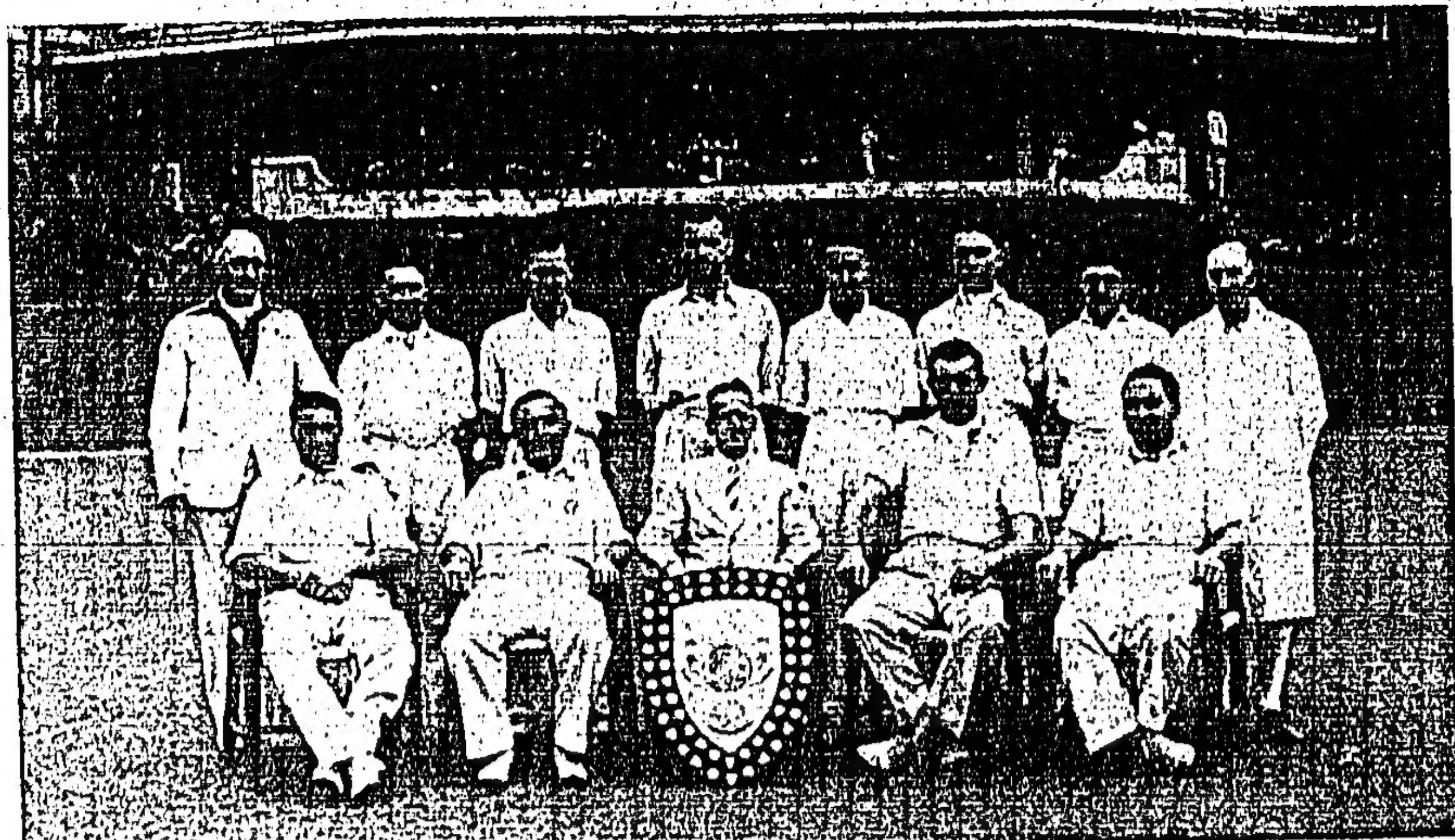
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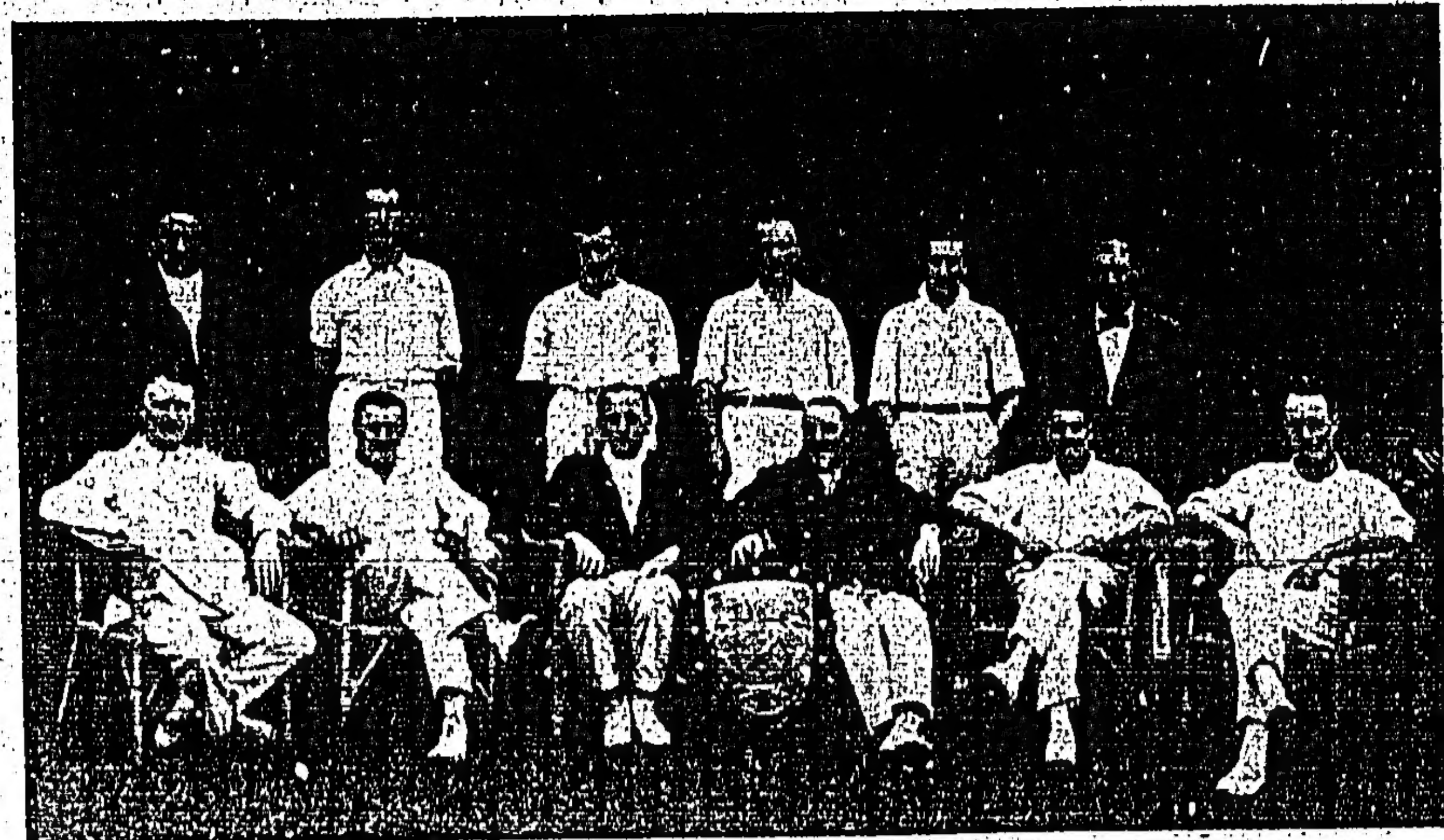
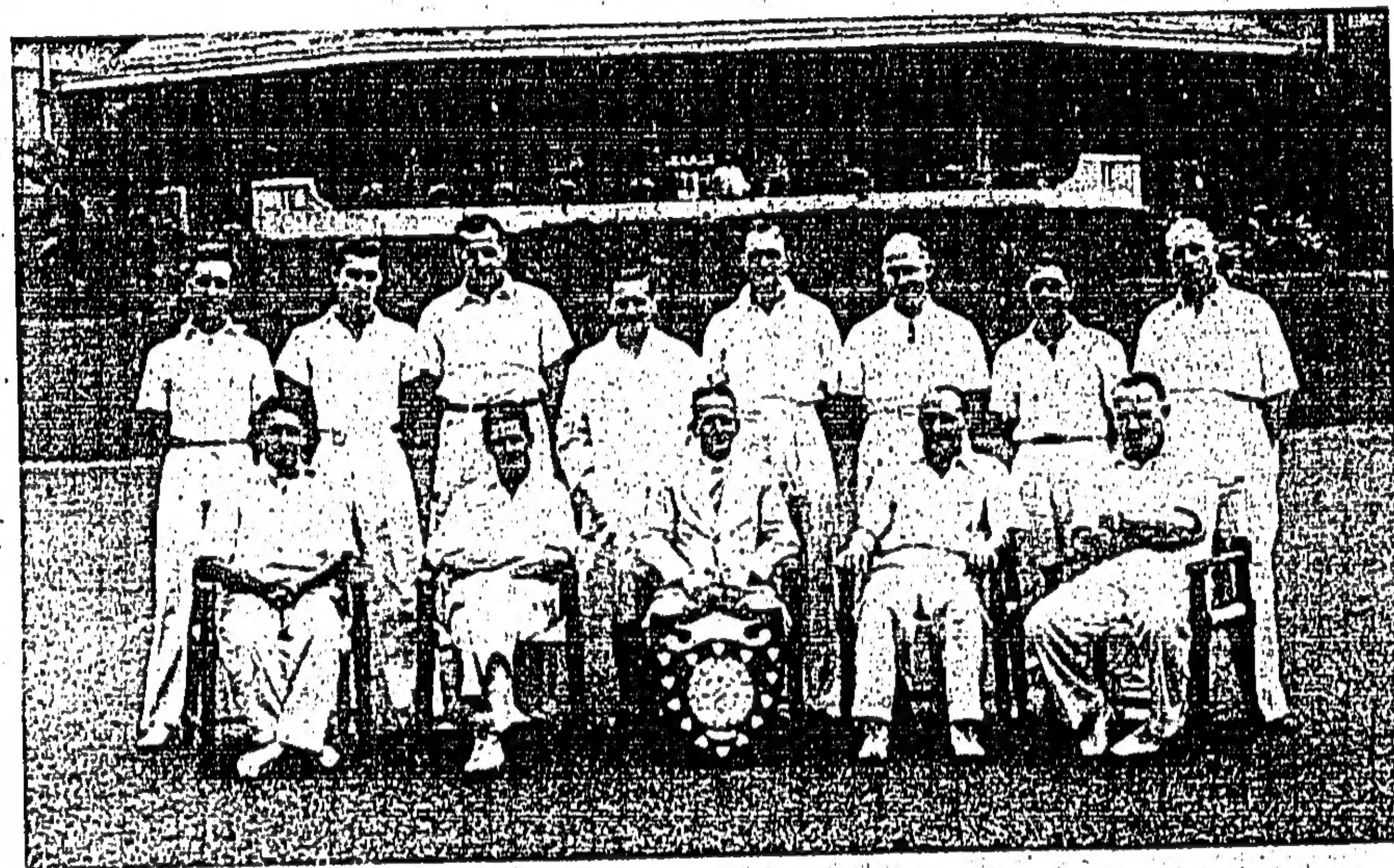
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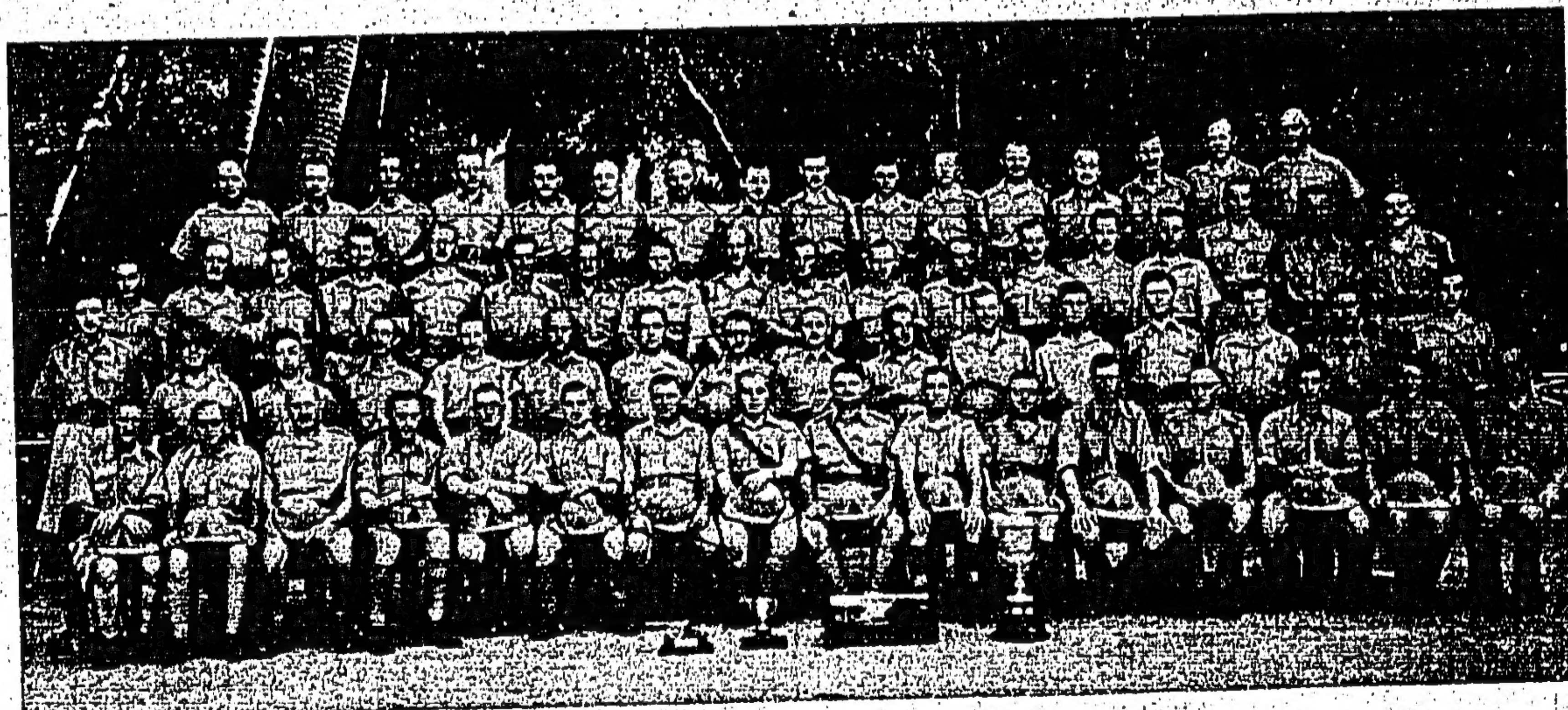
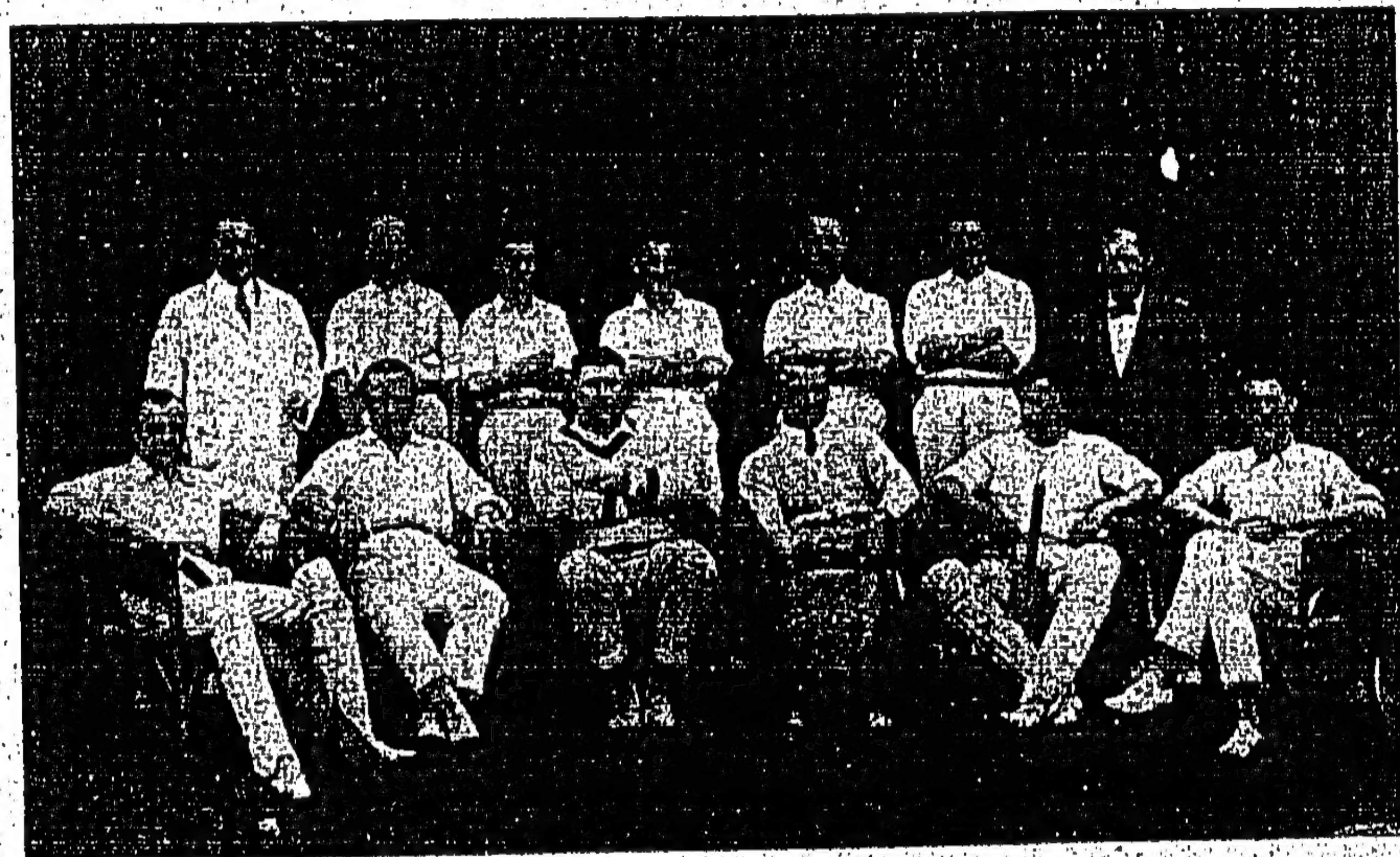
ANOTHER PUPIL of Miss Caroline Braga, Fung Fung-chan, won honours in the Junior Division.



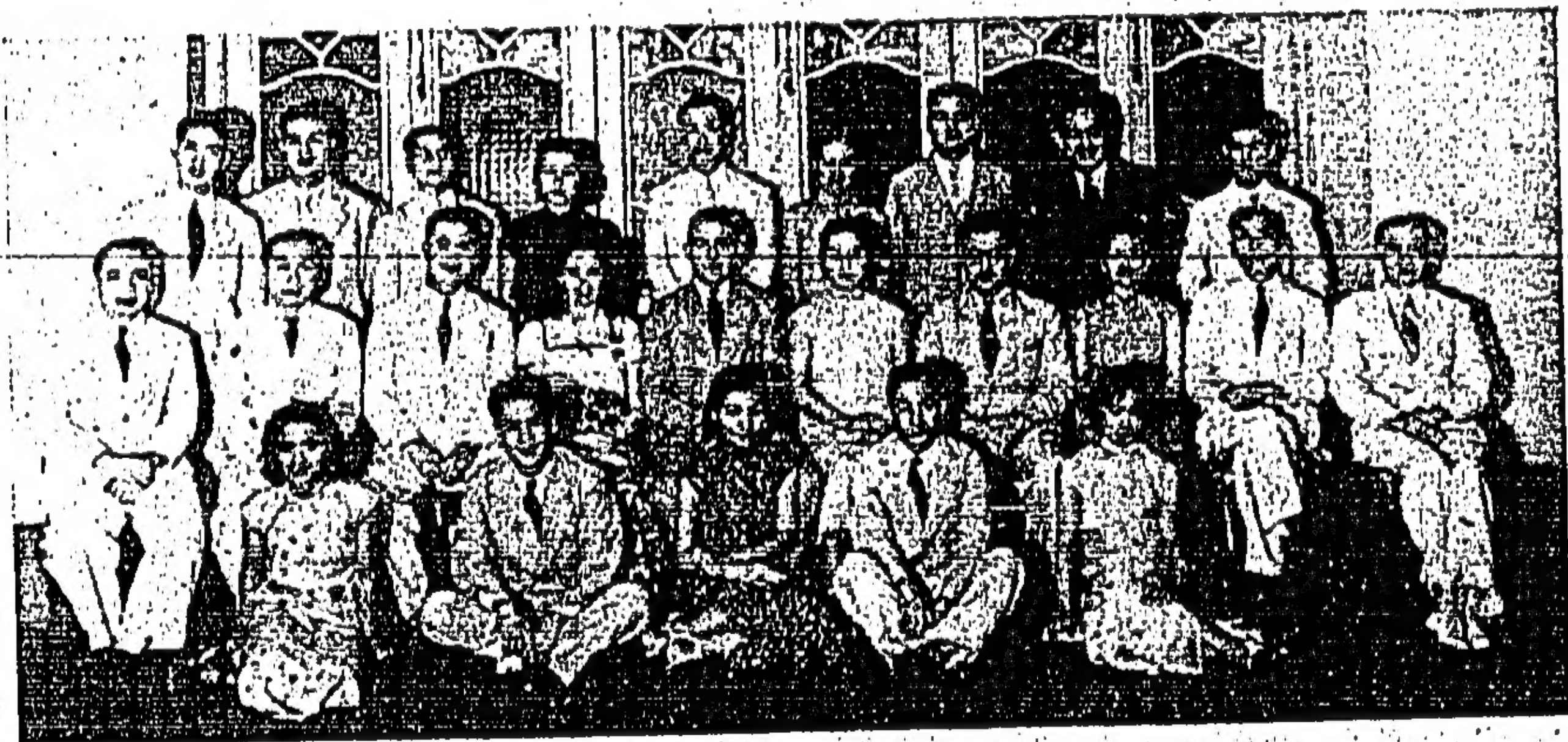
DOUBLE CHAMPIONS—Kowloon Cricket Club has this season won double honours in the Cricket League. Top picture shows the First Eleven:—Standing (left to right), T. W. Carr (scorer), D. Leung, F. Zimmern, A. Zimmern, N. A. E. Mackay, R. T. Broadbridge, F. J. Lay, J. P. Robinson (umpire); (seated) D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher (Capt.), E. Abraham (Vice-President), N. D. Lloyd and E. F. Fincher. Below is the Second Eleven:—(standing) H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, F. Fenton, R. Leigh (umpire), G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, W. C. Hung, Major W. W. Parsons; (seated) T. A. Madar, S. A. Gray (capt.), E. Curtis and F. Goodwin. Absent: R. Baldwin, K. M. Baxter and W. L. Rapley.



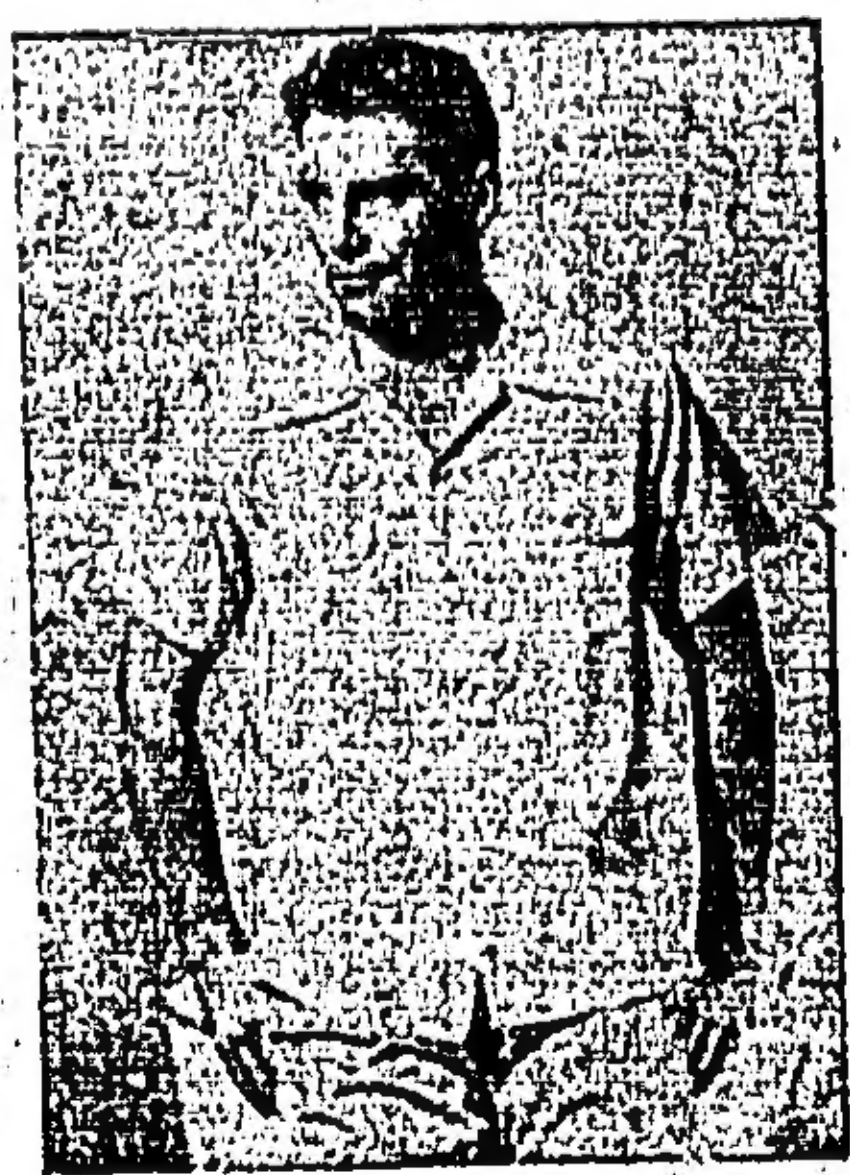
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GROUP PHOTOGRAPH of the Second Battery, Corps Artillery. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, winners of the Governor's Trophy for 1941.



WELCOMED BACK—Party given by the Social Hygiene Section of the Hongkong Government Medical Department in honour of Dr J. A. R. Selby (seated in centre) who recently returned from long leave. (Photo: A. Fong).



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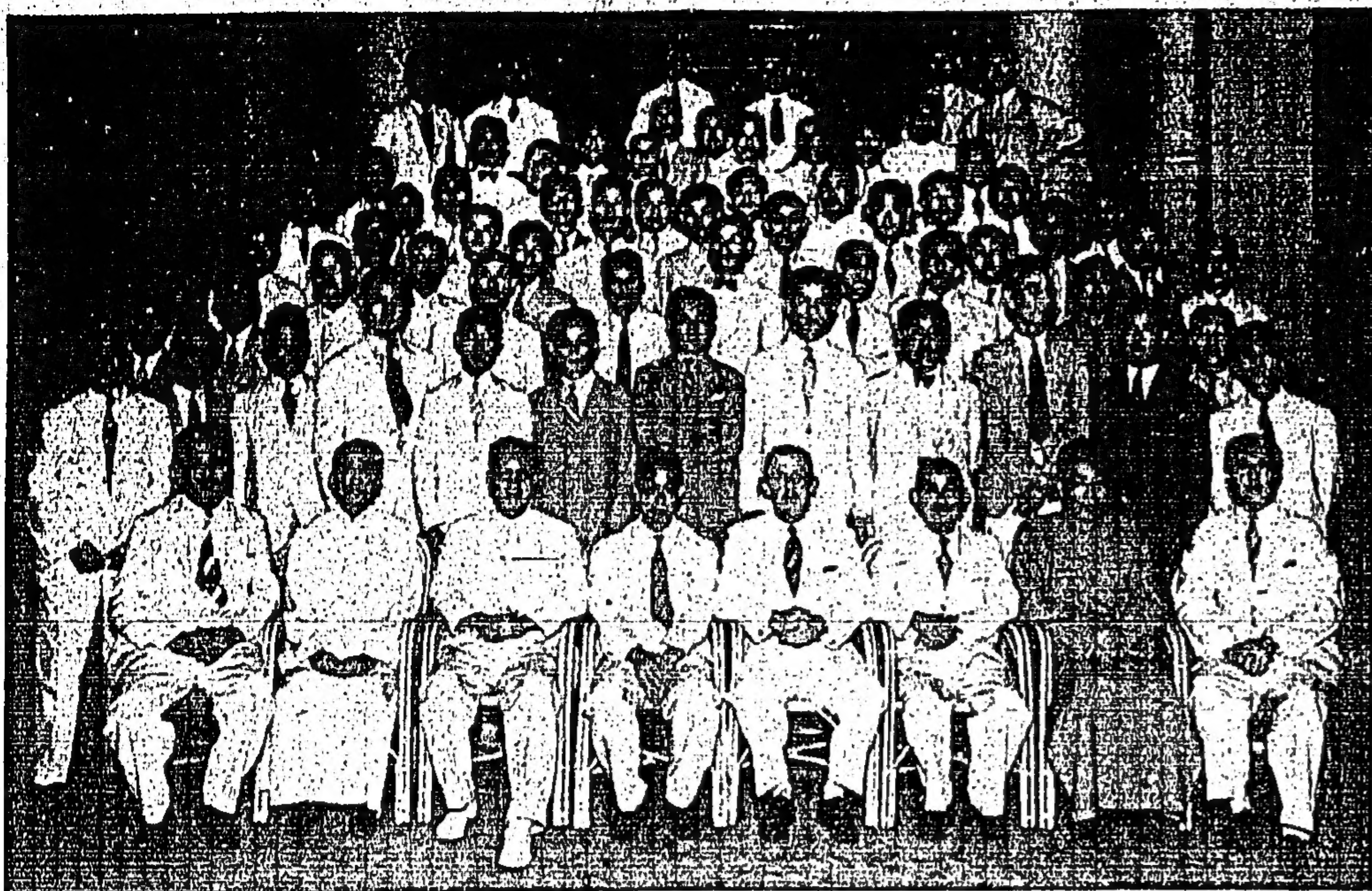
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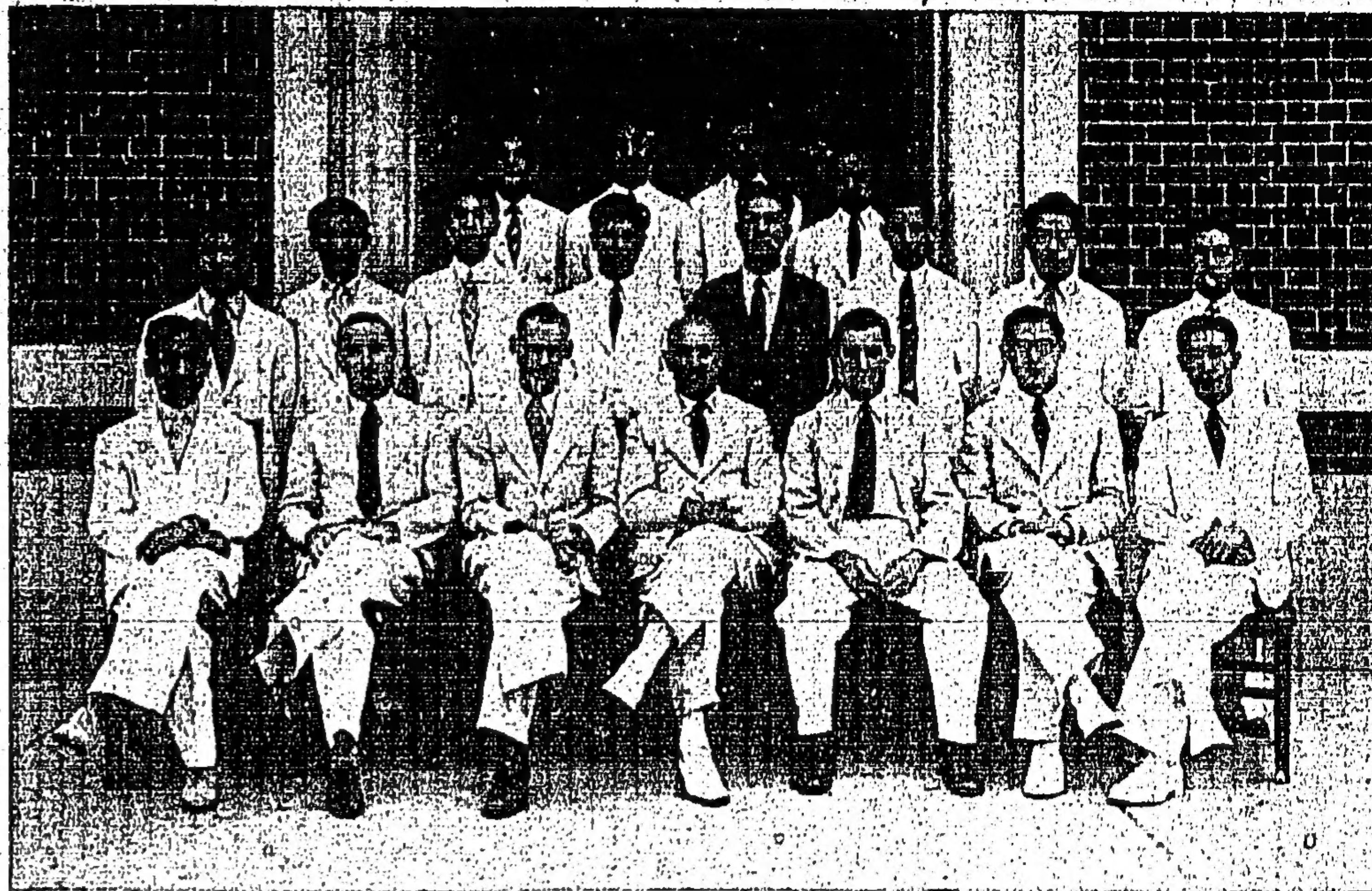
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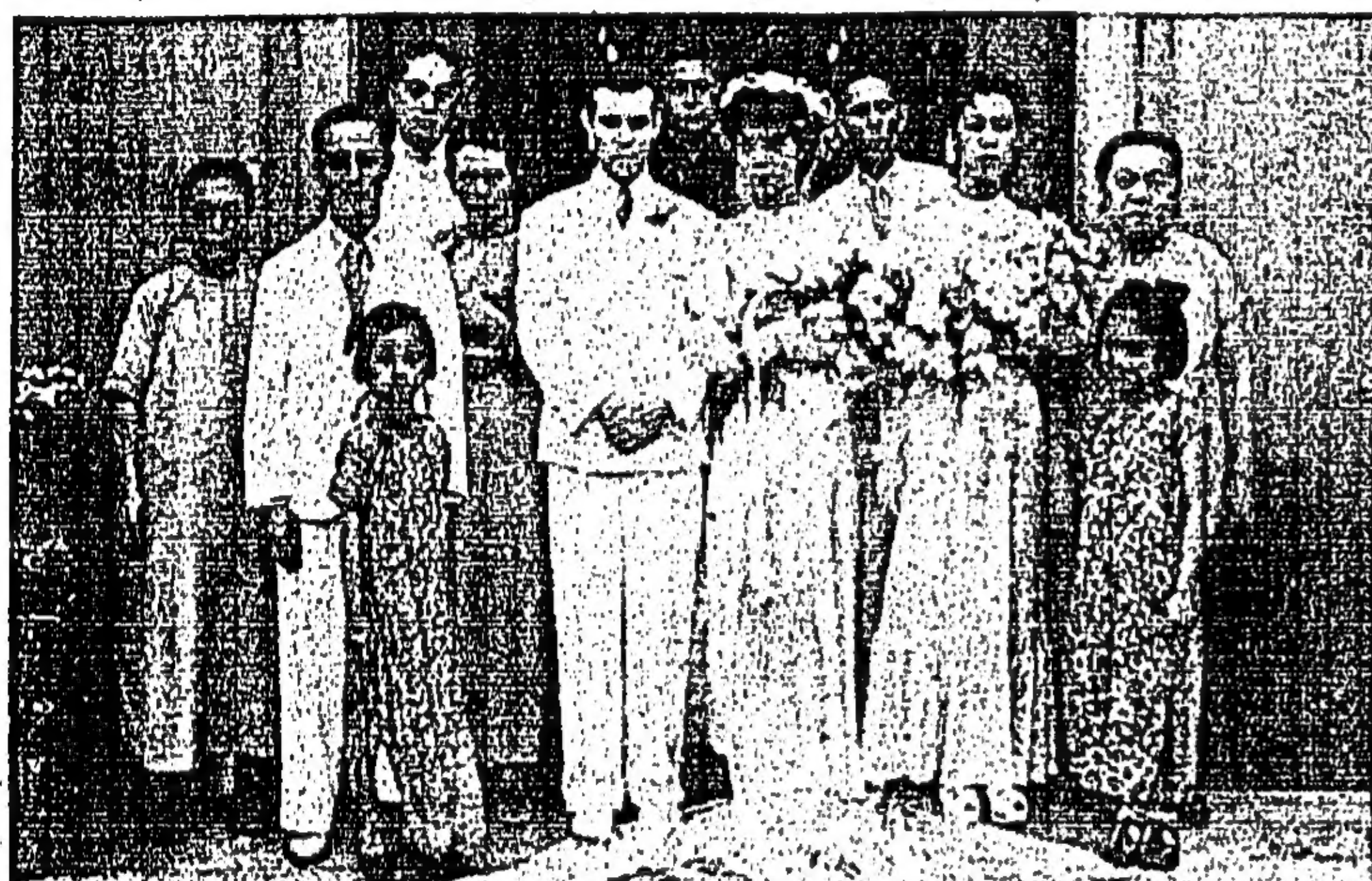
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CHINESE ENGINEERS MEET—Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Chinese Institute of Engineers, the Hongkong Branch of the Institute held a meeting last week at which the progress made in the last 30 years was reviewed by speakers. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



TRADE SCHOOL GRADUATES—Group photograph of the Second Course (1941) graduates of the Building Department, Government Trade School, with their Principal, Mr G. White (seated in centre) and lecturers. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



KOWLOON WEDDING—Photo taken after the wedding at the Rosary Church last week of Mr E. Variz and Miss Josephine Yu. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



VAN LEEUWEN-HOPKINS WEDDING—Mr Henri van Leeuwen and his bride, formerly Miss Edith Mary Hopkins, who were married last week, photographed with friends after the ceremony at the Registry. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



BRIDAL GROUP—Captain A. O. Gawler Mills, R.A., and his bride, the former Miss Beata Elizabeth de Courcy Morgan Richards, with their attendants, photographed after their wedding on Monday at St John's Cathedral. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



PORTUGUESE COUPLE WED—St Teresa's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of the wedding last Saturday of Mr Henrique Botelho and Miss Lena Elaine Lixo-la Rocha. (Photo Ming Yuen).



THE MOK CHO CHUEN CUP for Efficiency was won this year by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division of the St John Ambulance Brigade, whose officers are seen above.

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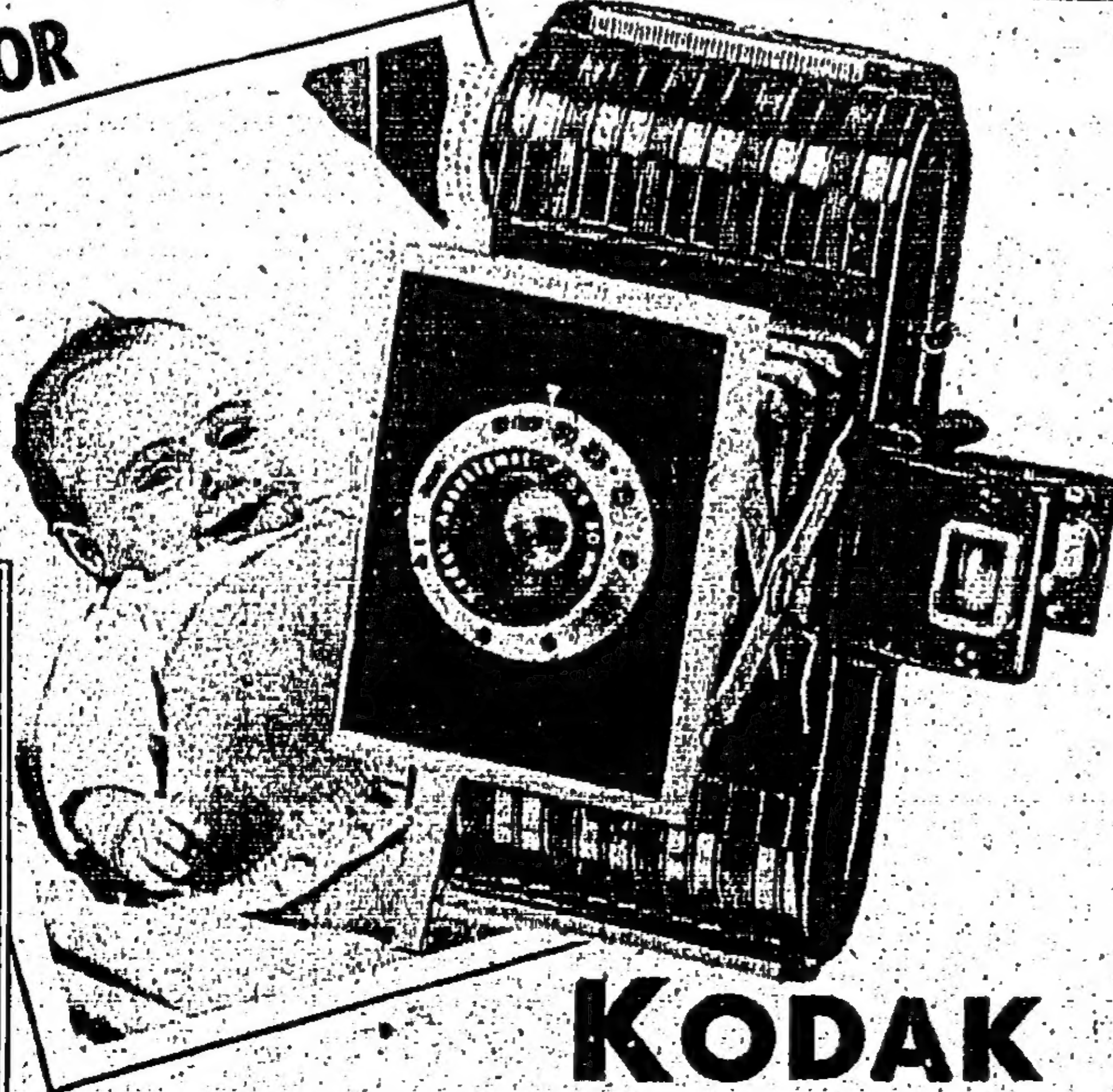
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CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

It is characteristic of the British to take their successes for granted, and to focus their attention on the failures. If you say that the Abyssinian campaign has been a brilliant success, the answer is that it should never have been necessary. Mussolini should have been stopped in 1935. If the Britisher is reminded of the sinking of the Bismarck and of the Graf Spee, he says but we lost the Hood. If it is pointed out that the proud Italian Navy has been ignominiously routed at sea or crippled in its harbours, the answer is that this was to be expected when one regards the respective fighting qualities of the two fleets. It is a brilliant advance to Baghdad is mentioned, he says, that Rashid Ali should never have been let out of gaol.

So the debate in the House of Commons last week was about the failure in Crete and it was a failure, everyone agrees about that.

That is the great advantage of the leadership of Churchill. He does not slur over, minimize, or excuse in any way our faults and failures. What he does do, is to point out precisely the cause of failure and to indicate the remedies. He draws the lesson, and takes steps to see that there will be no repetition of such a failure.

LESSON OF CRETE

One of the lessons, of course, is the absolute necessity for a more powerful air force. The Army and Navy cannot be expected to perform miracles every day, nor the air force.

If anything has been proved by this Crete affair it is that an airborne invasion of the British Isles would be well nigh impossible. Here, as the London Cabbie said, we would be on our home ground, with air bases liberally provided with anti-aircraft guns, with innumerable fighter squadrons millions of trained soldiers and the Navy protected from the air, free to do its duty.

The position would be completely reversed as far as strategic advantages were concerned and nothing would suit Britain better than the decisive battle of the war should be fought in these conditions.

One important fact emerged from the debate, and that was the relative number of Australian and New Zealand troops engaged in this campaign, which is of course only part of the whole.

Of 90,000 men who have lost their lives in this war 85,000 are from the homeland.

If one adds to that total the 30,000 civilians killed in air raids and the enormous amount of property destroyed in Britain, the right perspective is restored. When one also thinks of the financial burden of Britain and the superhuman efforts made by everyone, we realise how utterly false is the statement made by the German radio that Britain is fighting the war at the expense of the Dominions.

What really angers the Germans is that the Empire has voluntarily joined in the struggle to smash the most evil thing in history—Nazism.

SYRIA

The entry of the British and French forces into Syria was the logical answer to the free-use-of-the-air bases granted to the Germans by Admiral Darlan.

On April 7 Marshal Pétain said: "We are in honour bound to do nothing against our former allies." Of Admiral Darlan the Marshal said: "He is all for honour and the integrity of France. Admiral Darlan has my full confidence."

General Dentz, the High Commissioner of Syria, said: "A number of German planes in transit made forced landings in Syrian airports recently. In accordance with the armistice the French authorities took steps to make these planes leave Syria as speedily as possible." Presumably for Iraq.

It is not necessary to comment on these statements. While Pétain's platitudes about honour and his actions are rooted in dishonour, to the outside world this exposes the infamy of the Vichy government, and confirms the suspicions which have long been entertained that Darlan has been actively aiding the Germans for months past. Only with French co-operation could the German forces have been collected in Libya for the attack on Benghazi.

The administration of Syria, and of the French colonies generally is in keeping with the corruption one finds in France. The false piety of Pétain merely throws into relief the disgraceful record of the Vichy government.

This invasion of Syria is primarily a contest between two systems—the old selfish, greedy and corrupt principles of the French leaders, and the loftier, disinterested ideals of the Free French, who still retain something of that spirit of France which made her great.

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It is unlikely that General Dentz can resist this mighty rush of clean, healthy-minded men, for his force, as in Paris, is internally rotten. Those who have real military ability will never put it at the disposal of General Dentz, and those who have not got these soldierly qualities do not count.

As in Indo-China, so in Syria, the resistance of the French must collapse, for it is not backed by any conviction that the defence is worthwhile.

How low France has fallen has been revealed more and more clearly as the months pass. A P. Herbert expresses the feeling of most with regard to Vichy in the following lines:

"Where is poor Pétain, France's fiercest foe,

"Where is the Government that knows no 'bu's'?

"They are at Vichy, where the old men go

"To ease their conscience and regain their guts."

The successful occupation of Syria may have far-reaching effects on the French movement elsewhere. It is an attempt to consolidate and unify the whole effort.

JAPAN AND N.E.I.

The negotiations between the Japanese and the Dutch in the East Indies are being protracted to such an extent that the reader gets rather tired of them.

It is quite obvious that the German-controlled press in Japan does not want the economic talks to succeed. The idea is that a state of tension should be maintained, and that the détente or the clash should synchronise with what is happening in Europe.

The Germans who are in charge in Tokyo are dictating the policy, so nothing the Dutch can do will satisfy the Japanese or their delegates. The talks at present are purely economic, but would at once become political if there was any hope of concessions of that kind being obtainable.

Japan's idea of what the Netherlands East Indies should become is her idea of what French Indo-China has already become. There is no doubt between Java and Japan, so there is no possibility of Japan acting the part of the highly-paid broker. The Dutch have made no secret of their intention to defend the islands, and there is no secret about the unity of the defence of Malaya and of Java.

Then the advance south of the Japanese fleet would coincide with the advance west of the American fleet. The outbursts in the Japanese press are the measure of the doubt and fear about their policy and what it might lead to.

The Japanese are as much as founded on the weakness of the French in Indo-China as they are of the toughness of the Dutch in Java. They should remember that the Dutch carried on from London after the French government caved in. Surrender is not in their vocabulary. It is the only military word that Vichy knows.

AMERICAN AID

President Roosevelt has handed over two million tons of shipping to Britain, and in doing so has implemented his fireside chat.

The recent March of Time film at the King's Theatre "Uncle Sam, the Non-Belligerent," gave a clear and truthful account of the state of public feeling in the United States. It was not a propaganda film. It was exhibited to describe the huge war effort that was quickly being organised by America. It was informative and instructive, and at the same time it was balanced in its presentation of the facts.

The only impression one could get was that the people of the United States in this matter mean business in their fight against Nazism.

Just as the occupation of Britain by the Germans would be the prelude of the attack on the United States, so Britain is looked upon by the Americans as a base for the final assault on Germany. The Atlantic lane must, therefore, be kept open so that supplies, which are at present necessary for the defence of the country, will in due course arrive for the offensive against Germany. It is the smoke of the industrial plants of the United States which makes Hitler cough and fume, and which protracts the war far beyond any period he ever contemplated or desired.

Whatever happens in other theatres of war, Hitler cannot win until he has invaded and subjugated Britain. That thought remains uppermost in his mind, and it is this impossible task, which drove many of his soldiers to suicide in September last year, that will drive him to despair if and when he attempts it.

Chinese Paintings

Subjects painted with the utmost simplicity yet losing none of their attraction were exhibited at the Fung Ping Shan Library, Hongkong University, yesterday, by Mr Wang Chiyung, a well-known Chinese artist whose work has been shown in Hongkong before.

The exhibition was opened by Mr D. J. Sloss, Hon. President of the Sino-British Cultural Association (Hongkong Branch) and Vice-Chancellor of the University. Despite heavy rain the function was well attended.

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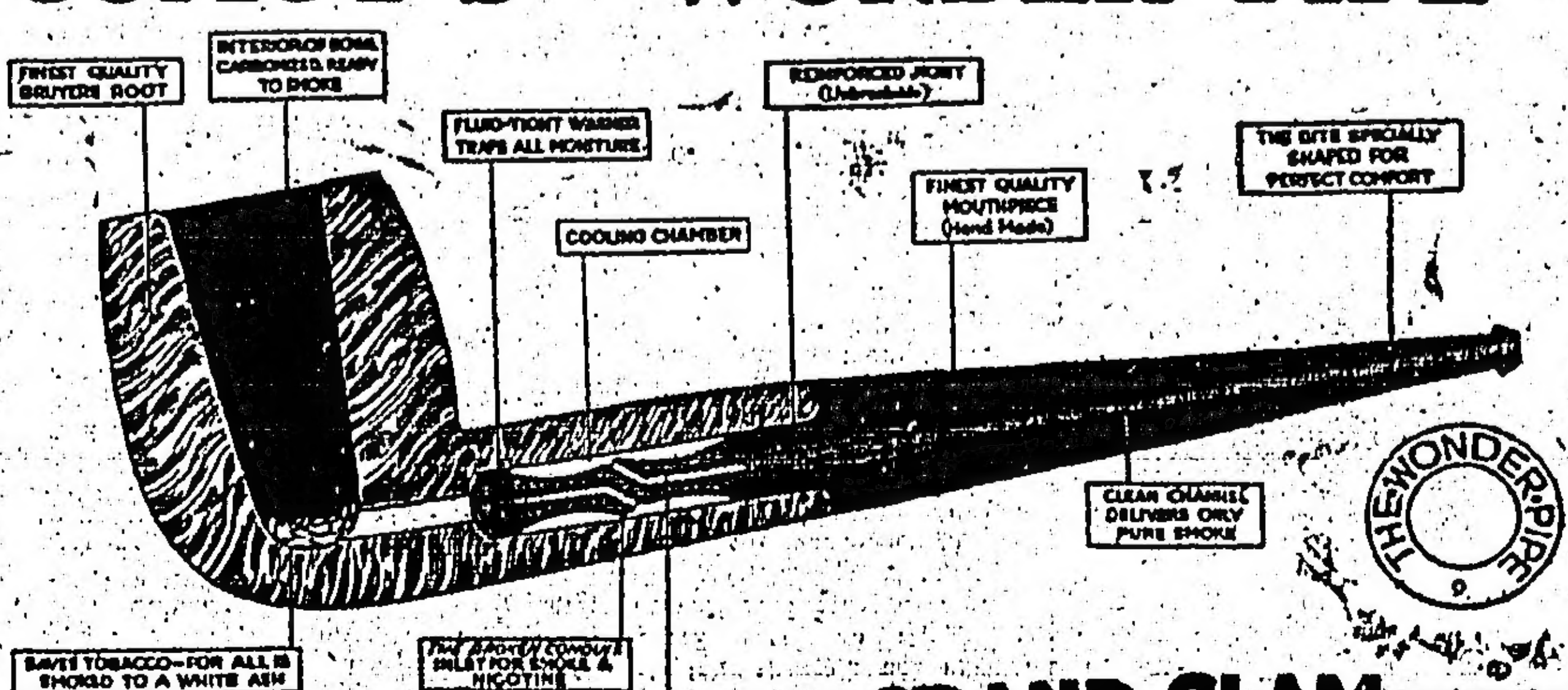
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